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Shevardnadze flies home for urgent gathering of Politburo

Kremlin meets for crisis talks

Return fuels speculation over Gorbachov leadership

From James Bone in New York and Andrew McEwen in London

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, unexpectedly cut short his stay at the United Nations yesterday amid speculation that Mr Gorbachov's programme of perestroika was in crisis.

The official reason given last night was that he had to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Politburo to reorganize the Communist Party apparatus.

But the move caused astonishment because Mr Shevardnadze had attached great importance to a Five-Power lunch he was to have attended in New York on Friday, and had already called for Security Council discussion on violations of the Geneva accords on Afghanistan.

Before Mr Gennady

Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, explained Mr Shevardnadze's decision at a press conference in New York last night, speculation was rife in Western capitals that events in Moscow might have taken a grave turn for the worse.

Among the theories considered were that a leadership crisis might be appearing following Mr Gorbachov's admission last week that his attempts to revive the Soviet economy were not working.

Another possibility was that the worsening tensions between Armenia and Azerbaijan over its Armenian-dominated enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh required Mr Shevardnadze's personal direction.

A third theory was that a senior Soviet figure had died, or was dying. It is normal in Moscow for news of the death of any senior Politburo member to be delayed, but British sources noted no signs of preparations for such an announcement.

However, there was also much speculation in Moscow last night that the recall of the Soviet Foreign Minister and

the calling of the special party meeting had some connection with the disappearance from official functions of Mr Yegor Ligachov, Mr Gorbachov's hard-line No. 2.

Television news showed a series of reports about the activities of Mr Erich Honnecker, the East German leader, Mujahidin guerrillas yesterday fired 20 rockets into Kabul, the Afghanistan capital, killing 35 people and injuring more than 150. The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, told the United Nations that such violations had forced the suspension of the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

who is visiting Moscow. Mr Ligachov was not seen in any coverage of the visit and some observers believe it could indicate a weakening of Mr Ligachov's position and hard-line opposition to perestroika. The Foreign Office has received a gloomy assessment of the situation in Moscow, laying particular emphasis on the absence of evidence that perestroika has yielded any practical benefit.

The recall was all the more surprising because it came 24 hours after a speech in which Mr Shevardnadze laid particular emphasis on the role of the United Nations and discussed ways of making it more effective.

Officials of the five permanent members of the Security Council, including Britain, were trying yesterday to arrange for the five foreign ministers to meet at short notice before Mr Shevardnadze had to leave.

Mr Gerasimov said the plenum, lasting one or two days, would reorganize the party apparatus, including the Central Committee itself, he said. He denied that the meeting would deal with the brewing unrest in Armenia.

Mr Gerasimov said calmly that the plenum had been mandated by the 19th party conference in Moscow this summer and that the date had just been set.

Earlier Mr Shevardnadze met Mr Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister and the two agreed that Mr Qian would visit Moscow for talks with Mr Gorbachov before the end of the year.



Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, after his speech to the United Nations, getting a warm handshake from Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State. Within hours he was recalled to Moscow amid speculation of a crisis.

Lawson admits £11bn current account deficit

From Rodney Lord, Economics Editor, West Berlin

Mr Nigel Lawson admitted for the first time yesterday that the current account deficit this year will be £11 billion to £12 billion or more, three times the level forecast in the Budget.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressing the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual meetings in Berlin, said that the United States had run a current account deficit of more than 2.5 per cent of national income since 1984.

"This year, the United Kingdom also seems likely to have a current deficit of this size, and there is some concern about how long that, too, will persist", he said.

A deficit of 2.5 per cent of national income would be equivalent to £11 billion to £12 billion.

Mr Lawson, in his Budget speech, predicted a £4 billion deficit. Two months ago, he derided "teenage scribbles" in the City for predicting a deficit of £10 billion to £12 billion.

Mr Lawson said there were

"self-correcting mechanisms" which would reduce the deficit in time. There was no reason why countries should not run deficits for long periods, he said, citing the case of Denmark, which has had a current account deficit for 25 years.

"Some may be puzzled by the existence of a current

Debt warning

account deficit is so newsworthy in the United Kingdom", Mr Lawson said. "The truth is that we are prisoners of the past, when UK current account deficits were almost invariably asso-



Mr Lawson: warning

ciated with large budget deficits, poor economic performance, low reserves and exiguous net overseas assets. The present position could not be more different."

Devaluation would be a "wholly inappropriate" response either to the deficit or to the rise in inflation, he said. The foreign exchange markets took heart from Mr Lawson's commitment to maintain sterling. The pound rose by nearly a cent to \$1.6865 and by 1.3 pence to DM2.1681.

Mr Lawson said there were signs that higher interest rates were beginning to take the steam out of the housing market. "The temporary edging up of inflation, which has been exaggerated by higher mortgage rates, will reverse some time in the course of next year, he said."

In his speech, Mr Lawson developed the idea that the real constraint on the size of a country's current account deficit was its creditworthiness.

ConsGold notices served

By Colin Campbell

Mr Harry Oppenheimer, the South African gold and diamond magnate who is one of the world's richest men, was yesterday served with three notices under Britain's Companies Act, demanding disclosure of his personal interest in the shares of Consolidated Gold Fields.

ConsGold is facing a record £2.9 billion bid from Minorco, an investment company closely connected with Anglo American Corporation and De Beers, the South African gold and diamond mining empire established by Mr Oppenheimer's family.

The notices were served by ConsGold staff before noon on three London addresses. ConsGold said three notices were served "to ensure that they reached him." At his Eaton Square flat his butler, named Watling, accepted the notice on his behalf.

Mr Bryan Gould, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, yesterday demanded Lord Young's resignation for refusing to "clean up" the City. DTI talks, page 25

Johnson 'told doctor he used three drugs prior to race'

By Our Sports Staff



Ben Johnson, the Canadian sprinter thrown out of the Olympic Games after a positive drug test, admitted that he used three drugs in the three days leading up to the final of the 100 metres on Saturday, according to an American newspaper report yesterday.

Dr Lee In Joon, the co-ordinating officer of drug control at the Olympic stadium in Seoul, supervised Johnson's test about 90 minutes after he had won the race in a world record time. Dr Lee, quoted by *Newsday* in New York, said Johnson told him: "It was three kinds of drugs. One was injection. Two were pills." Dr Lee would not identify the medications but said one was on the International Olympic Committee's list of 116 banned substances.

Newsday also quoted Dr Lee as saying Johnson behaved defensively during the testing. "We [in the testing station] can detect when someone is a little agitated," Dr Lee said. "When people come in here, you can tell how they're feeling. Some are tense but most are relaxed. Ben Johnson was very defensive."

Johnson's physician, Dr

The Great Britain hockey team were assured of at least a silver medal yesterday when they beat Australia 3-2 to reach the final of the Olympic competition against West Germany on Saturday. Carl Lewis's hopes of winning four golds for the second successive Olympics were dashed when he was beaten into second place in the 200 metres by his fellow-American, Joe DeLoach.

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George Mario Astaphan, was also accused of administering anabolic steroids to the athlete earlier this year. *Sports Illustrated*, an American magazine, alleged that Dr Astaphan, injected steroids into Johnson at his home in St Kitts in the Caribbean in May.

Johnson and his advisers continued to plead innocence, however. "I got nothing to hide," Johnson said. "I don't want to tell no names, but somebody's smiling today. If I had taken something, I'd feel

real bad. First I was shocked, but after a while I don't care. It's not the only thing in life to win a gold medal. I still have my parents. My family still loves me."

Dr Astaphan said he was "absolutely sure" Johnson had not taken steroids. "I never gave him any, and he never told me he took any," he said. He said the allegations that he had injected Johnson with steroids last May were "totally untrue and unfounded."

Patrick Sjöberg, the Swedish bronze medal winner in the high jump, became embroiled in a drugs controversy when a Gothenburg newspaper reported that he was one of five of his country's Olympians who would be interviewed by police in connection with a drugs smuggling operation. One suspected smuggler said members of the Swedish squad had bought drugs from him.

A Hungarian weight-lifter yesterday became the eighth competitor at the Games to be tested positively for a banned drug. Andor Szanyi, a silver medal winner, is the second

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Row over babies' deaths report

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The Government yesterday became involved in a new health care row after a report said hundreds of newborn babies die every year in British hospitals through lack of staff and facilities.

The report by the Royal College of Physicians says there is a need for at least 500 more intensive care cots in England and Wales and for an extra 70 or 80 specialist consultants.

It calls for a big shake-up in

the provision of services by health authorities, with each region having one or two perinatal centres and a number of sub-regional centres to which ill babies and women with high-risk pregnancies can be referred.

But to the dismay of its authors, the report was immediately criticized strongly by Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health.

The report was prepared by

members of the college and others from the Royal Colleges of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Surgeons, Pathologists and Nursing.

But Mr Clarke said yesterday: "This has to be seen as a missed opportunity. We are as anxious as the RCP to make progress, and shall study the report with care. But it's quite clear already that not all the answers we shall need are to be found in this report."

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Ashdown rift with his MPs on links with SDP

By Robin Oakley and Martin Fletcher

There were growing signs yesterday of a split emerging between Mr Paddy Ashdown, the party leader, and a significant body of his MPs on the issue of relations with the SDP after rank and file delegates at the Democrats conference had angrily rejected peace overtures from Mr John Cartwright, Dr David Owen's chief lieutenant.

At a packed fringe meeting organized by the dissident Democrat MP, Mr David Alton, party members demonstrated overwhelming support for Mr Ashdown's "no deals" strategy with a display of uncompromising hostility to Mr Cartwright. Attempts by Mr Alton and Mr Cartwright, the

SDP President, to suggest the two parties should begin talking were greeted with derision.

Although Mr Ashdown has the party members behind him, however, there is evidence that up to half the 19 Democrat MPs have varying degrees of sympathy with Mr Alton's arguments, though most are angry with him for raising the issue in the way he has at a time when Mr Ashdown needs to establish his authority as leader.

Some are also perturbed that Mr Ashdown appears to have updated unilaterally the party's defence policy and are likely to question the pace of his "from the front" leadership at a private meeting soon after the conference.

Public evidence of the growing disquiet came when Mr Alan Beith, who was beaten by Mr Ashdown for the leadership, declared: "It would be a pity to give the impression that we don't talk to people we have worked with for years and years."

He added: "We have to have lines of communication open."

After yesterday's acrimonious fringe meeting Mr Ashdown said: "That puts an end to the whole issue." He ruled out any question of deals with Dr David Owen and the SDP, saying that Mr Alton, who has refused to take a front bench position, had argued his case well but had received "no support whatsoever".

Despite the bravado of the leadership line, there are signs that party

officials may seek to persuade local parties not to put up candidates against Dr Owen and the two other SDP MPs in the hope of securing a non-aggression pact.

Democrat MPs concede privately that they cannot afford the diversion of having to counter SDP candidates in all their constituencies if candidates were run against Dr Owen, Mr Cartwright and Mrs Rosie Barnes and if the SDP retaliated by installing candidates in all 19 of the Democrat MPs constituencies.

There is a growing belief in the new party that a number of those still sticking with Dr Owen will join the Democrats over the next few months.

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Spain turns down coroner's appeal

From Harry Debelins, Madrid, and Tony Dawe, Gibraltar

Spain has rejected a last-minute appeal to allow an intelligence officer to give evidence to the Gibraltar inquiry into the shooting of three members of the IRA by the SAS last March.

The decision was announced last night by a spokesman for the General Directorate of Police in Madrid, after an appeal by Mr Felix Pizzarello, the Gibraltar coroner, who said yesterday that he would "try to get a last-minute reversal" of Spain's decision, allegedly made because of its continuing claim to the Rock.

Instead of agreeing to the request, officials in Madrid last night forwarded for the second time a written statement made by a Malaga police official last August. Its content has not been released and there are doubts over whether

the first copy reached Gibraltar.

The decision was seen as a political move, as the intelligence officer had expressed willingness to give evidence about how the IRA gang was tracked down in Spain before crossing into Gibraltar on March 6.

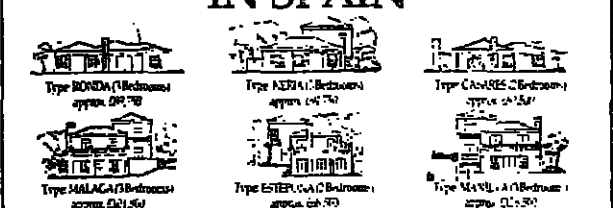
Det Chief Inspector Manolo Correa of the Gibraltar police, told the coroner yesterday that he had taken a formal statement from the Spanish officer. He said: "He was willing to appear before you at this inquest. However, a few days ago, I received notification that he was not being allowed to come to testify by his superiors."

The coroner had said he would make the court available to the Spaniards today at 10am and 2.30pm.

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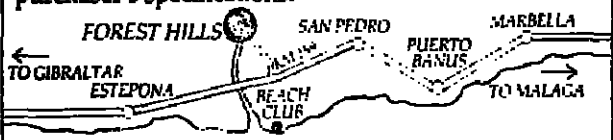


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Airliners in near miss over Kent

In one of the closest air misses recorded over Britain, two airliners with a total of more than 150 people on board came within yards of colliding in thick cloud at 6,000ft over Sevenoaks, Kent, on Tuesday evening. It was disclosed yesterday (Harvey Elliott writes).

Both pilots turned sharply left after a warning from ground controllers at the last second. The Civil Aviation Authority says the planes were within half a mile of each other, but controllers believe they were much closer.

The planes were, British Airways BAC 1-11, bound from Gatwick to Manchester and a DC9 of the Yugoslav charter company, Adria Airlines, flying into Gatwick.

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No decision

The second Test in Faisalabad ended as a draw yesterday, a result which left Pakistan one up in the three match series with Australia. Page 45

Urgent call

Educated, trained people are urgently needed by the mobile communications market if Britain is to stay in the lead, says an introduction to today's nine pages of appointments. Pages 32-40

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Knife ban to beat street crime rise

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday answered critics of the Government's policies on violent crime when he heralded the introduction today of a law forbidding the carrying of knives. He said at a press conference that the two main reasons for the increase of violent crime in the streets were "stupid drinking and knives". As he spoke a selection of knives handed into Hertfordshire police during an amnesty was on the table before him.

From today it will be an offence to possess a bladed or sharply pointed article in public without good reason. The only exception will be a small folding pocket knife. The maximum penalty will be £400 on summary conviction, Mr Hurd said. The new law reverses the onus of proof, so that the knife carrier will have to justify having the knife on him.

UK Nissan protest

Britain is to make an official protest to the EEC and France over the French government's curb on imports of Sunderland-built Nissan cars. Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, supports Nissan's claim that the vehicles are EEC-made and should be freely admitted. An informal French quota system restricts Japanese imports to 3 per cent of the domestic market and the French say they will count the Nissan cars against that limit. Nissan says as the "last substantial manufacturing operation" is in Britain, the cars are of EEC origin.

Homes fraud inquiry

A computer and vanloads of documents were being studied by Northampton detectives yesterday after an operation against a syndicate allegedly running a multimillion pound mortgage and social benefit fraud. The operation, codenamed First Timer, began five months ago and involves investigators from the DHSS and Inland Revenue. The case involves allegations that properties were bought with mortgages obtained with false references, then multiple applications for benefits were made, based on the properties, using false papers.

Nuclear waste site

Nirex confirmed yesterday that "agreement in principle" had been reached with Lord Thurso on the use of a site in Altnabreac, Caithness, for Britain's first nuclear waste repository. Nirex was reacting to remarks by Mrs Winnie Ewing, Scottish National Party president and Euro MP for the Highlands and Islands, who said she had received information suggesting some form of preliminary contract had been signed, and the price for the use of the land had been agreed between lawyers for both sides. Lord Thurso could not be contacted last night.

Ex-mayor charged

A former mayor of Walsall, West Midlands, will stand trial in the Crown Court on fraud charges involving more than £18,500. Mrs Jean Elizabeth Powell was remanded on bail by Wolverhampton magistrates yesterday until November 9 when criminal proceedings are expected to take place. Mrs Powell, of The Delves, Walsall, is a Labour councillor for the town's Blakenhall ward. She faces a total of 23 charges which allege forgery, theft, using a false instrument and obtaining property and services by deception.

Mackay in support of lawyer-free litigation

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, spoke strongly yesterday in support of people being encouraged to pursue small claims in court without lawyers and to take part fully in the legal process. He told the annual general meeting of the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux in York that there were "sound reasons for regarding lawyer-free litigation as a desirable end in its own right".

"Ordinary people should, in my view, be encouraged to conduct their own affairs and to participate as fully as possible in the legal process", he said.

There was evidence that many litigants would prefer to adopt that approach rather than "merely act as bystanders in cases effectively conducted by lawyers".

Lord Mackay, giving the first indication of likely changes resulting from the civil justice review report earlier this year, endorsed the report's proposal that the £500 limit of small claims should be doubled to encompass claims of up to £1,000.

The small claims procedure, where people can bring claims themselves and which handles some 50,000 cases a year, had become established as "an effective means of deciding civil disputes involving comparatively small amounts of money", he said.

"In view of this successful track record, there is an obvious case for increasing the financial limit of the jurisdiction."

He said the review also recommended a number of other changes in small claims procedure. He hoped those would make it easier for advice agency workers to give help to small claims litigants.

On the review's proposal for a new form of housing action for non-possession cases, Lord Mackay said he took "serious" reservations about whether the proposed action was suitable for some types of cases.

There was widespread acceptance that some form of

simplified procedure was desirable, and recognition that a separate housing court would not be appropriate. But there were still reservations about the suggested new procedure, not least because of the complexity of housing law.

Lord Mackay said changes likely to emerge under the Legal Aid Board, which takes over the running of the legal aid scheme next year, meant there needed to be a "new direction" in the administration of legal aid, which was "swallowing up" more resources every year. The cost had risen from £229 million in 1982-83 to £459 million in 1987-88.

On the controversial powers of the board to contract advice work presently done by solicitors to advice agencies, Lord Mackay emphasized that the solution might not be to "award an exclusive contract for a particular area".

Instead, the board might "identify all those meeting a standard of competence to provide legal advice on a particular subject and to channel work and resources accordingly".

In many cases, advice agencies offered better advice to the public than most solicitors. It made sense for people to go to those best able to advise them and for the Government to allocate resources accordingly.

However, Lord Mackay emphasized the Government had no proposals to transfer all or even most of the legal advice work offered by solicitors to advice agencies.

Mr Allen Davies, secretary to the Law Society's civil litigation committee, said yesterday the society accepted the small claims procedure could be improved to help people to bring their own cases.

However, it was concerned that with the doubling of the £500 limit, people would be able to bring many more personal injury cases in the small claims court. "In such cases you often have to obtain medical and police reports which many lay people would find difficult to do", he said.

Service for Omagh soldiers



Colour Sergeant Frederick Smith, of the Light Infantry Division, and his daughter, Gemma, aged 4, looking at a wreath after the memorial service yesterday for the eight men who died in the Ballygawley bus bomb near Omagh, in Co Tyrone, last month.

In all 35 soldiers were returning from leave on August 20 when the bus was blown up on its way from Aldergrove airport to the Gough Barracks, in Omagh.

Relatives of the soldiers, many of the survivors, leaders of local authorities and army colleagues filled the 400 seats of the church at the Winchester Depot

of the Light Infantry Division, while another 600 watched the service on closed-circuit television in a marquee.

In a tribute to the men, Major Mark Rollo-Walker said: "Those who died are not heroes, they are ordinary blokes with the same feelings, needs, weaknesses as everyone else."

"The lives of eight families were shattered. In that same micro-second, 27 other families were dragged into a whirlpool of fear and anxiety."

At a newly created remembrance garden, a wreath was laid by Major General Panik, Colonel of the Light Infantry.

Thatcher visit to boost morale

By Jamie Dettmer

Mrs Thatcher made an unexpected one-day visit to Northern Ireland yesterday and reiterated her determination to rid the province of the "cancer of terrorism".

The Prime Minister's trip, her first since the Enniskillen bombing memorial service last November, was clearly designed to boost the morale of the security forces and to bolster business confidence.

Mrs Thatcher, accompanied by her husband, Denis, and Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, travelled around by helicopter meeting industrialists and security forces members.

Although her itinerary was kept secret, unionists managed to muster a demonstration.

Several eggs were thrown at Mrs Thatcher by the demonstrators who were protesting against the Anglo-Irish agreement.

In a speech at the Royal Ulster Constabulary's training centre in east Belfast, the Prime Minister warned the IRA against believing that bombing would break Britain's resolve.

"When I hear people think that the more incidents they have the more fearful we get, then I think you do not know the spirit of Northern Ireland, the spirit of the United Kingdom. The more difficult things are the greater the resolve and the determination and the courage to defeat terrorism which is a cancer in our midst."

Mrs Thatcher, also visited the Army barracks at Lisburn, and discussed security issues with Sir John Hermon, RUC chief constable, and General Sir John Walters, officer commanding the Armed Forces in the province.

The Dublin government admitted publicly for the first time yesterday that there has been a deal "for a long time" allowing British military aircraft to fly from Northern Ireland into the republic.

The admission in a statement from Mr Charles Haughey's office is aimed at defusing controversy over two 500-yard flights by military aircraft from Ulster into the republic at the weekend.

Environmental pollution

Tough controls considered

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Ministers are considering tough legislation to control the dumping of toxic waste, it was disclosed yesterday as the Government's record on environmental pollution came under scrutiny in the wake of the Prime Minister's speech to the Royal Society.

It is understood that ministers are determined to rid Britain of what they regard as its undeserved reputation as the "dirty man of Europe".

While they do not intend to ban the disposal in Britain of lethal chemicals such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), the dangers of which have been highlighted by the Karin Affair and the disclosure that Air Canada has transported them on passenger flights to Heathrow, they are looking at changes in the law designed to ensure that safety standards are tightened still further.

However, the new laws are

unlikely to be brought before Parliament until the 1989-90 session.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, reacting to what he called an "excellent speech", underlined the goal of polishing up Britain's environmental image by pointing out that by the end of next year aerosol sprays containing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) — the chemicals held responsible for ozone depletion — would be virtually a thing of the past in Britain.

Yesterday, as environmentalists expressed their astonishment at the Prime Minister's apparent conversion to the environmental cause with her warning of the global threat posed by atmospheric pollution, the Government insisted that Britain was already a world leader in efforts to combat the hazards

posed by modern industrial society and that it would continue to set the pace.

But the green lobby tempered its delight by asserting that until now the Government had had "an appalling record" on the issue and by voicing scepticism that Mrs Thatcher's words would be followed by action.

The opposition parties reacted to the Prime Minister's speech, with Labour saying that the Government was in the dock internationally for its appalling environmental record and with the Democrats maintaining that anything that put the environment on the political agenda would help them.

Mrs Thatcher singled out three problems — the greenhouse effect creating a global heat trap, the hole in the ozone layer and acid rain — as requiring more attention.

Von Bulow link to collection on sale

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

A vast collection of art and antiques consigned anonymously to Sotheby's New York appears to be that of Claus von Bulow, who was tried, convicted and later cleared of trying to kill his wife with insulin injections.

The collection, comprising 509 items in total, and scheduled for sale on October 28, was compiled in the past 20 years from London dealers such as Mallett, Partridge Fine Arts, S J Phillips and Garrard.

It includes Old Master paintings (one by Joshua Reynolds is estimated at \$450,000), silver (Paul Storr, at \$200,000) and Chinese export porcelain. It is understood that all of it has been transferred to Sotheby's recently from von Bulow's residences in Newport and New York.

"We have sold things in the

past which are now in this sale. They were removed from the house in Newport where the trial took place", Mr John Partridge, of Partridge Fine Arts, said yesterday.

Sotheby's New York silver expert said, when asked if it was the von Bulow collection: "I have no idea whose collection it is. It has been very secretly handled. It is just a family that wants to remain anonymous."

There were wry comments in the trade yesterday, that such discretion should come soon after Sotheby's milked the name of Elton John to its limit last month.

Martha "Sunny" von Bulow fell into a permanent coma nearly eight years ago, and her husband was accused of attempting to murder her to win her \$50 million fortune.

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Labour and the unions

Left defeated over EETPU

By Philip Webster and Tim Jones

Labour leaders defeated the far left yesterday by voting heavily to allow the electricians' union to remain in the party in spite of its expulsion earlier this month from the TUC.

The decision, which flows from the desire of Mr Neil Kinnock and the big unions to prevent the dispute over the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU) spilling over into a damaging split at next week's Labour conference, was taken by the ruling national executive.

It rejected by 19 votes to six a move led by Mr Tony Benn to suspend the electricians from party affiliation.

The far left, which strongly attacked the decision last night, is expected to challenge it when the conference opens in Blackpool on Sunday afternoon. But if the issue is put to

a conference vote which they believe would illustrate the isolation of the far left.

In spite of its decision to blur the issue of the EETPU's credentials, Mr Willis said the general council had decided to tell all affiliates that it would vigorously defend unions in relation to "any aggressive actions by the EETPU".

Meanwhile, divisions within the Amalgamated Engineering Union are threatening to make the proposed merger with the electricians more difficult.

They concern the position of Mr Gavin Laird, the AEU general secretary, and that of full-time officials. His union is insisting that under any amalgamation there should initially be two general secretaries. In addition, AEU officials are subject to periodic election while EETPU officials are appointed.

Sewage now means votes

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's recognition of the threat to the world from pollution has put an end to an old political maxim that "there are no votes in sewage".

Her warning of the dangers to the global environment received a guarded welcome from scientists studying the three main hazards that she identified:

● The potentially disastrous consequences of a warming of the Earth caused by the greenhouse effect, produced by an

increase of carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere.

● The risk of destruction of the Earth's protective shield of ozone by man-made chlorofluorocarbon gases used in aerosol sprays, plastic cartons and refrigerators.

● Damage to soil and trees from acid rain caused by fumes from power stations and factory chimneys.

Her request for urgent studies of the climatic and atmospheric changes causing growing concern among scientists

comes when the Natural Environment Research Council has cancelled its latest six-month allocation of university research grants.

Council spending includes £500,000 a year to the British Antarctic Survey for the ozone hole, with £370,000 going on the greenhouse effect and £1.2 million on acid rain.

The Department of the Environment spends £280,000 on ozone and the greenhouse effect and £3.6 million on acid rain.

Six million Britons are disabled, inquiry finds

By David Walker

Six million British adults are disabled, according to the first report on a large-scale investigation of disability by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS) that is likely to fuel demands for new benefits and better co-ordination of social care.

Working from a definition of disablement agreed by government ministers, official statisticians said yesterday that one in seven of the adult population living outside hospitals and institutions suffered from some disability to function normally.

The last big survey, conducted on a different basis in the late 1960s, produced a figure of about two million.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister responsible for the disabled, moved quickly at a press conference to put the latest figures in a context, he said, of growing government support for the disabled. He said the Government would wait until the OPCS published its work on how much money disabled people had before making any new policy decisions.

The OPCS findings were based on categories that began with deafness sufficient to stop a person hearing something in a normal voice in a quiet room and extended to people who, perhaps after a stroke, could not feed themselves or move about without assistance, whose speech was difficult to understand and whose arm and bowel movements were unreliable.

The statisticians placed a million adults — nearly all living at home — in the first, lowest category of severity, and successively smaller numbers in higher categories. Of the 200,000 classified as extremely disabled, half live in hospitals or institutions.

Many of the disabled have more than one affliction.

Disability is closely related to age. About 70 per cent of disabled adults are aged over 60 and nearly half are over 70. The commonest disability is difficulty in walking or moving a hand or arm normally.

A primary cause of such disabilities among people living at home is arthritis, while for those in hospital or institutions mental illness, particularly senile dementia, is a principal reason.

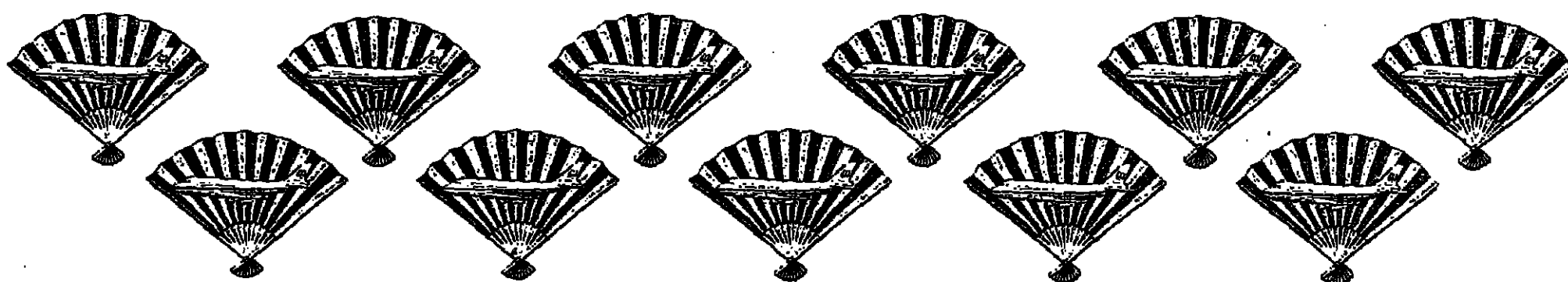
More women are disabled than men because women tend to live longer and there

are more of them among the elderly. A larger proportion of the population is disabled in the North, Wales, Yorkshire and Scotland than in London, the South-east and East Anglia.

The Prevalence of Disability Among Adults (Stationery Office, £10.70).

Mr Paul Fox, head of BBC Television, said in a speech about television standards that he was "bothered" by American reports, not "appalled", as reported in *The Times* yesterday.

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Defects in hospital services causing death among babies

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Hundreds of frail newborn babies die in Britain each year because of "serious deficiencies" in hospital facilities, according to a report published today by the Royal College of Physicians.

Many critically ill infants are put on "silent waiting lists" with parents not told about the problems in finding intensive care cots for their children, the report says.

Each year in England and Wales, about 3,500 babies die before they are one month old from such causes as premature birth, congenital abnormalities and asphyxiation.

Many of them have potentially treatable problems, but are denied that lifeline because of shortages of staff and facilities, the report says.

The findings are the results of a two-year investigation by a working party of experts at the college.

They calculate that there is a shortfall of at least 500 intensive care cots in England and Wales, and a need for an extra 70 or 80 consultants specialising in neonatal intensive care. There are also shortages of junior doctors and specially trained nurses in this field.

"Without the necessary resources, many babies who could have been rescued will die and a high proportion of the survivors will have avoidable handicaps", the report says.

It discloses that babies are sometimes effectively put on "silent waiting lists" as doctors ring hospital after hospital searching for a spare place in intensive care.

"In order to allay anxiety,

Lifesaving equipment in Glasgow hospitals is not being properly maintained, union leaders said yesterday.

They said machinery, such as foetal heart monitors, which ought to be serviced at six-week intervals, was left for more than a year without being maintained.

Mr Bill Parker, Glasgow's officer for the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, said the Greater Glasgow Health Board had failed to respond to the problem.

Most paediatricians are reluctant to discuss with parents the difficulties that might be occurring in promptly accommodating their critically ill baby in a referral unit.

"Parents are usually unaware when there has been considerable delay in transferring their baby for intensive care and in this respect there is a silent waiting list", the report says.

Dr Malcolm Chiswick, a consultant paediatrician in Manchester and a member of the college working party, said yesterday: "The most important part of intensive care is supporting a baby on a breathing machine."

"Common sense tells anyone that if a baby needs a breathing machine and cannot get one it is at increased risk of dying."

Some babies face crucial delays or have to be transported long distances to intensive care units, while others remain in the hospital of their birth, "deprived of the urgent care they need".

The report says that neonatal intensive care, particularly ventilatory support for

premature babies with respiratory failure, "is not an experimental form of treatment, but a necessary life-saving procedure".

"When a baby with respiratory failure is deprived of skilled ventilatory assistance, the risk of death is markedly increased and in many cases inevitable."

A survey showed that in 1984 there were only 473 fully staffed and equipped intensive care cots in the UK, compared with a recommended number of 729, based on the need for one cot for 1,000 live births.

"The magnitude of the current deficiency is, in fact, much greater when our recommendation for 1.5 cots per 1,000 live births is taken into account", the report says.

The college says that many neonatal intensive care units are seriously short of equipment.

"Such equipment as is available has often been purchased from charitable sources, the staff themselves using their off-duty hours to raise or collect donations."

Among the reasons for the present problems are advances in neonatal care which make more lives potentially savable, while the number of babies needing such care is increasing. This is partly due to the increase in multiple births.

"These babies make disproportionate demands on intensive care services", the report says. It predicts that there will be further increases in triplets and higher-order births.

Medical Care of the Newborn in England and Wales (Royal College of Physicians of London, 11 St Andrews Place, London NW1 4LE: £7).

Schoolboy heroes of bus crash



Wreckage of the school coach after the crash and Simon Marsh, who took over the steering wheel, in hospital last night.

By David Cross

Two boys saved the lives of 25 other children yesterday when they grabbed the steering wheel of a bus as it careered down a steep hill after the driver collapsed with a suspected heart attack.

Simon Marsh, aged 11, jumped from the front passenger seat to take over the wheel of the single-deck school bus driving from Tredegar, Gwent, to the Bishop Hadley Roman Catholic High School, Merthyr Tydfil.

He and Anthony Walters, aged 16, who ran from the rear of the coach, managed to steer the bus away from a busy high street on to a grassy bank before it crashed into the side of a house.

Another pupil, Matthew Davies, aged 15, then ushered the children through the rear emergency door to safety.

Mr Ray Thomas, aged 64, the coach driver, was trapped in the crushed cab for

almost an hour. He was certified as dead on arrival at Prince Charles Hospital.

Anthony and Simon were also cut free after their legs were trapped. Simon, who suffered a broken kneecap, was comfortable in hospital last night. Anthony was described as fair after an operation to repair a gash in his right thigh. The other children in the coach were released from hospital after treatment for shock, cuts and bruises.

Simon said last night: "I was sitting in the seat behind the driver when I saw him collapse and the bus started to gather speed downhill. He slid sideways against the window and I grabbed the wheel, but I couldn't reach the brake pedal because his feet were in the way."

"All I could hear was screaming. The bus was heading into oncoming traffic so I drove it on to the pavement and into a ditch but it wouldn't stop going forward."



Policeman 'angry' at rape case student

A Jordanian student who is accused of raping a girl aged 14 who came to London on her own to see Peter Howitt in *Babes in the Wood* told the police that he had "plenty of girls uptown", the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The student, aged 21, had told the police that the girl "did not look like a virgin". I have had plenty of girls up town who look like that. She looked 18. I did not know she was only 14."

PC Gary Arthur told the court he arrested the student on January 9, three days after it is alleged the girl was raped by the student and later by two men in a separate attack after she had sought help.

The officer said: "I felt angry then and now about what happened but I did not let my feelings show. It was a disgusting offence."

He said the student had told him he met the girl at Oxford Circus. He had said she was crying because Howitt, who was her idol, had not looked at her while performing in the pantomime at the Palladium.

According to the student, the girl had agreed to go to his flat at Lewisham, south-east London, after he told her it was too late to get a train back to her Durham home.

The officer said the student had told him: "I said I would write to the theatre about the actor. She wanted a drink and I gave her a glass of Martini, which she drank quickly."

The student claimed the girl took her clothes off but he did not have sex with her. "She kept crying. I was tired and wanted to sleep. She said do you want me to go. I said yes. So she got dressed and went out", he allegedly said.

The student denies charges including rape and unlawful sexual intercourse. The trial continues today.

'Highway hypnosis'

Driver banned after deaths

By Michael Horsnell

A motorist who killed two women in a motorway accident walked from court yesterday after claiming his driving was impaired by "highway hypnosis", caused by the monotonous effect of road markings.

Harold Miller, aged 58, a chartered surveyor, escaped a prison sentence when a judge at Bristol Crown Court described it as an "unusual case".

But last night the Automobile Association said there was no such thing as highway hypnosis.

And the Department of Transport, which was taken unawares by the unprecedented defence, said it had called for a copy of the court papers to study the evidence.

Miller, who had two previous convictions for speeding, was fined £2,000 and banned from driving for three years.

Judge Michael Smith, QC, said the trial was unlike other cases of reckless driving which involved alcohol or deliberate dangerous driving.

He told Miller, who had denied reckless driving and

causing the death of the two women: "You were driving recklessly. It was for some reason that you can't really understand."

"It may be related to tiredness and the fact that you had been driving for a long time and did not stop for long enough."

The judge added: "I have got to take a serious view of the matter but I do not think it is necessary to send you to prison."

The parents of the two women left the court in tears and declined comment.

Miller drove his car at a speed of up to 90mph into the back of their almost stationary Ford Fiesta at a bottleneck in the centre lane of the M5.

Mr Michael Hubbard, QC, for the prosecution, told the court Miller ignored the motorway warning lights which limited motorists to 50mph.

The Fiesta burst into flames and the women, Sarah Chard, of Cullompton, Devon, and Louise Rawson, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, both aged 19, died.

Dr Ivan Brown, an adviser

to the Department of Transport and assistant director of the Medical Research Council's applied psychology unit at Cambridge, said Miller suffered from "highway hypnosis" at the time of the accident.

He said Miller, of Glen Mona, Isle of Man, had been hypnotized by the familiarity of the motorway.

Dr Brown compared highway hypnosis to sleep-walking and said Miller was driving sub-consciously.

A spokesman for the AA said: "There is no evidence to suggest there is such a problem as hypnosis on Britain's motorways. Our main concern is drivers who drive a long time without a break or who are over-familiar with a specific route, which can cause boredom. This can result in lack of concentration and this is as close as one could get to so-called hypnosis."

The Department of Transport said: "We shall be studying the evidence to see whether it carries any weight. We haven't heard of highway hypnosis. All drivers have a responsibility to be alert."

10 years for doctor rapist

A doctor was jailed for 10 years yesterday for drugging then raping one of his female patients on a late night house call.

Ramesh Choudhury, aged 47, was called out at 1am by his victim aged 30 when she suffered chest pains.

Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was told how Choudhury caressed her during examination and gave her sleeping pills to make her drowsy. He left her home to make other calls, but returned two hours later to rape her.

On the seventh day of the trial, the jury of six men and six women reached a majority verdict on charges of rape and

indecent assault in August 1987. Choudhury was jailed for 10 years for rape and three years for indecent assault, the sentences to be concurrent.

Mr Justice Turner told Choudhury, the father of two children: "There is no question in this case you chose your victim with a great deal of care, then you relied upon her trust in you as a doctor."

"You drugged her so that she would become drowsy with the likelihood that when she came round she would be forgetful and unable to give evidence that was likely to be much use in trapping you."

The court was told that after the attack the doctor, who

owned the Lindens old people's home in Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear, where he lived, concocted an elaborate alibi.

He told his driver who took him on the first visit to the woman's home in Sunderland that he had trouble with her and a boy friend and that they were being abusive.

Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, for the prosecution, said Choudhury was "setting the scene" for his crime, and that the woman was in fact alone.

After the rape he tried to force nurses who worked for him to sign a statement which said he was back at the home when the attack took place.

Award to honour T E Utley

By Alan Hamilton

A memorial fund is launched today for Mr T E Utley, the Conservative political journalist and former columnist of *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*, who died in June aged 67 and at whose funeral Mrs Margaret Thatcher was one of the principal mourners.

Former friends and colleagues of Mr Utley are seeking to raise £100,000 to establish an annual award for the most promising young political writer in the English language. The winner will be expected to deliver a lecture on a political topic.

The Prime Minister has agreed to be patron of the fund. Other supporters include Mr Charles Wilson, editor of *The Times*, Mr Peregrine Worsthorne, editor of the *Sunday Telegraph*, Mr Colin Welch, the political

sketch writer, and two journalists whom Mr Utley encouraged, Mr Charles Moore, editor of *The Spectator*, and Mr John O'Sullivan, a former Downing Street adviser and now editor of the *National Review* in the United States.

The fund has been launched with substantial donations from the proprietors of the two newspapers at which Mr Utley, who overcame blindness to pursue a distinguished Fleet Street career, spent most of his working life: Mr Rupert Murdoch of *The Times* and Mr Conrad Black of *The Daily Telegraph*.

Mr Oliver Knox, a founder of the memorial fund and a member of the Centre for Policy Studies, the Conservative "think tank" set up by Mrs Thatcher, said yesterday: "Throughout his career, Mr Utley's principal concern was

the unity of the kingdom and the maintenance of the constitution. For 30 years, he watched and chronicled the direction of Tory thought with more perception than anyone else."

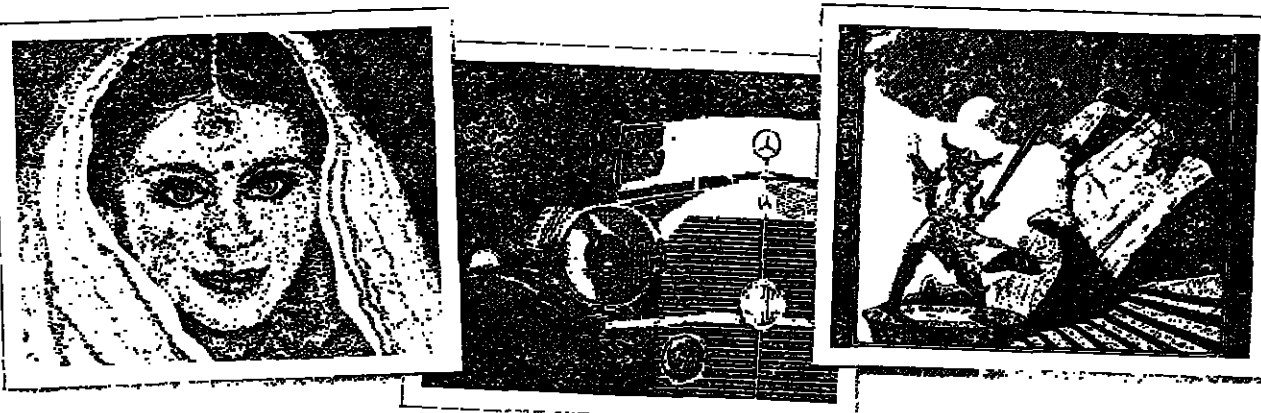
"He was much loved because he gave so much encouragement to young journalists", Mr Knox said. Mr Utley had taken a particular interest for much of his professional life in the constitutional position of Northern Ireland.

The promoters hope that the annual prize will be worth about £10,000 to the winner if the fund reaches its target.

The Prime Minister spoke at the time of Mr Utley's death of his spiritual quality, manners and courtesy. She is expected to read the lesson at a memorial service next month. Letter, page 17

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Bank clerk recalled over allegations about 'pressure'

Major denies forcing TV statement from witness

A bank clerk who admitted lying in a statement about the SAS shooting of three IRA terrorists insisted yesterday that he had been pushed to it by a retired Army major.

Mr Kenneth Asquez claimed that pressure from Major Robert Randall had forced him to make the statement for the Thames Television programme, *Death on the Rock*.

Mr Asquez, aged 20, who gave evidence to the inquest last Friday, admitted he had made up a pack of lies about what he saw when Mairiad Farrell, Daniel McCann and Sean Savage were shot dead on March 6.

Questioned by Mr Felix Pizzarello, the coroner, he said the major had telephoned him about four or five times in four days. He had given him a hand-written statement to "get him off my back".

However, he admitted he had talked about the shootings with bank colleagues.

Mr Michael Hacker, counsel for the SAS soldiers, asked Mr Asquez if he was put under pressure by Thames Television to sign a statement. Mr Asquez said: "No, I was not asked to sign".

Mr Pizzarello asked the witness to read a statement to the court. Although it was not



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said in court who made the statement, it was believed to have been a sworn affidavit from Major Randall made to a lawyer in the United States where he is on holiday.

The four-page signed affidavit by Major Randall, in which he refuted Mr Asquez's evidence, was released by Thames in London yesterday. Major Randall said in the statement that at no time did Thames "tell me to offer him any money at all. I must make that point clear".

He said that far from pestering Asquez, he did his "utmost to keep his name from reporters and television people".

He said he went to a bank on the Rock on the day after the shooting and Mr Asquez had told him in front of other customers that he had watched the shootings.

"He told me he'd seen the killing at Coral Road," he said. "He was in a car with his girl friend and another friend. Major Randall said: 'As-

quez told me he had seen a man firing and another man lying on the ground."

"Asquez said the man firing had his foot on the neck or chest of the man on the ground and was firing at the head of the man on the ground. Asquez also said the man firing put a black beret on and showed his ID card."

Major Randall said Mr Asquez had agreed to give a statement to Thames and had only started to retract it when he found he would have to give evidence at the inquest.

Mr Paddy McGrory, for the families of the dead terrorists, asked Mr Asquez to study paragraph four of the statement. He asked if it was possible that Major Randall went to the bank on the Monday to do some business and had overheard the staff talking about the shootings.

Mr Asquez said it was. However, there were thick glass screens at the till "so I don't know if a conversation between two clerks could be heard". Mr McGrory: "But he might have heard?" Mr Asquez: "I can't say. I think he must have formed an opinion or something."

Mr McGrory: "Did you say anything to Major Randall about video shots taken by

him?" Mr Asquez said no. When pressed, he said: "I might have told him something". Mr Asquez denied he told Major Randall that he saw the killings, that he saw a man firing at another man lying on the ground or that the man firing had his foot on the throat and chest of the man on the ground and was firing at his head.

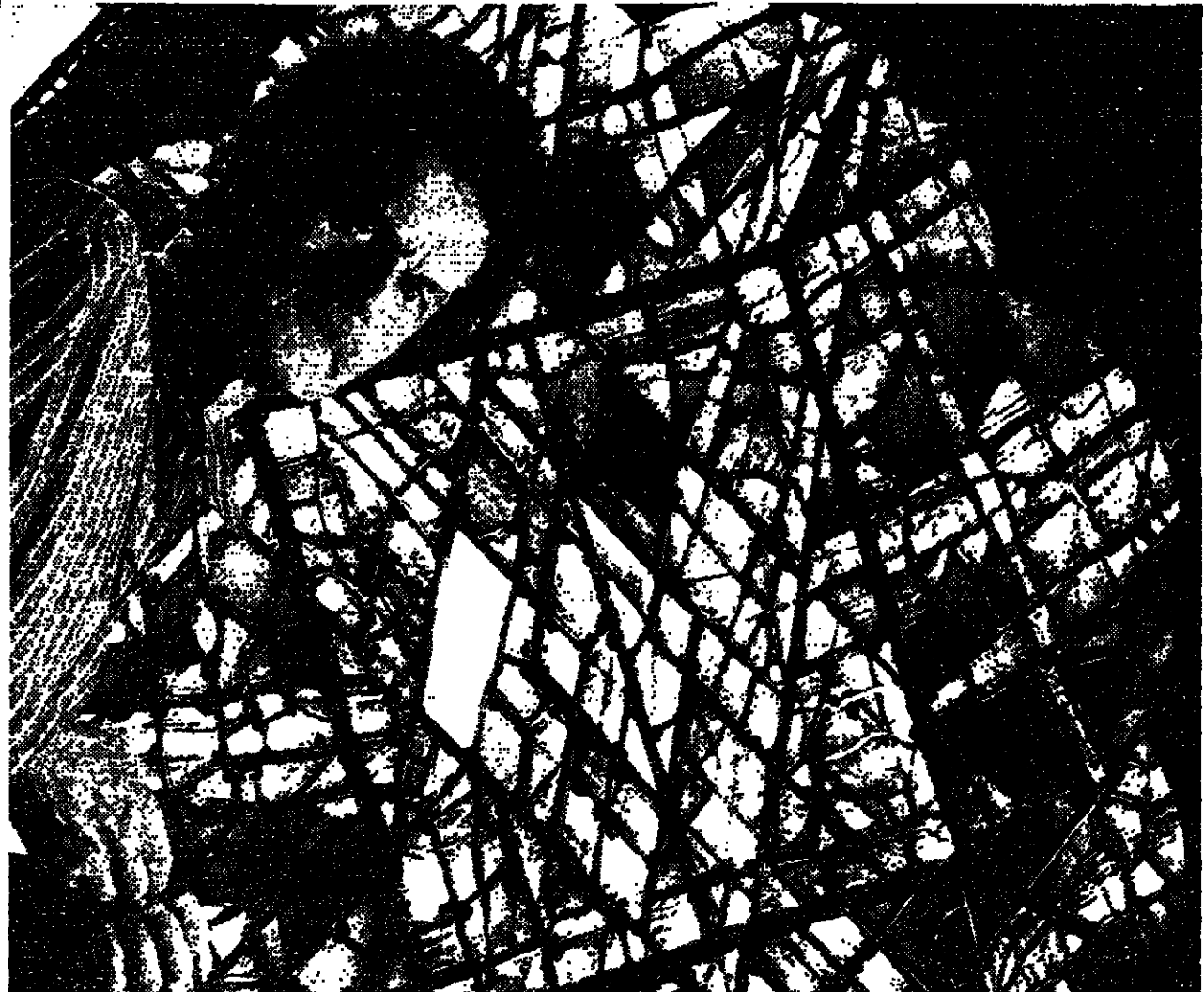
An Army radio specialist told the inquest that the three IRA terrorists could have sent a signal to trigger a bomb from the place where they were shot dead.

His evidence contradicted that on Tuesday of Dr Michael Scott, called on behalf of the families of the dead terrorists, who said he believed it was impossible.

The SAS soldiers have told the inquest that they fired when they believed the terrorists were about to set off a bomb by remote control.

Captain Mark Edwards, of the Royal Army Signals Corps, said he had held similar tests to those of Dr Scott in Gibraltar, using slightly different but widely available equipment, and had obtained a signal at various points, including the Shell garage where the shooting happened. The inquest continues today.

Rose window's burst of colour



Alan Younger, an artist, displays one of the completed 64 panels of the stained glass window which he has designed for St Albans Cathedral, in his south London studio yesterday. The rose window, which will be installed in the north transept in the autumn of 1989, is one of the largest in an English cathedral.

The 30ft diameter window has been plain glass since the nineteenth century. Laporte Industries, a locally-based firm, has commissioned the window, which will cost £75,000, to celebrate its centenary this year. It is medieval in feeling with a kaleidoscope of rubies, golds and powder blues.

Prisons report

Facilities in cells 'worst in Europe'

By Sheila Gann, Political Staff

The Government was criticized by a Commons committee for failing to plan enough new prisons or to improve conditions to cope with the rise in the prison population to more than 50,000.

Britain also stands alone in Europe for not providing lavatories in more than a quarter of all cells, forcing the prisoners to "slop out", the Commons' all-party public accounts committee says in yesterday's report.

The report finds that, in spite of a few improvements, many remand prisoners still face a long wait before trial and too often are housed in police cells because of lack of prison space.

After a critical report by the committee in 1986, the Home Office promised a new "tough target" to eliminate prison overcrowding. The MPs say they are surprised that the Home Office no longer had a target date to match total places with the average prison population and said a new target should be set.

They point out that the prison population had exceeded 50,000, although the Home Office had told them it planned to increase the number of prison places to 47,500 by the end of next year. By 1999 there would still be 26

A call for a new sentencing council to recommend guidelines for courts was made yesterday by one of Britain's leading academic lawyers and criminologists.

Dr Andrew Ashworth, fellow and tutor in law, Worcester College, Oxford, said: "Sentencing is riddled with inconsistencies between courts".

Dr Ashworth said, in a Prison Reform Trust lecture, that members of the council should come from the criminal justice system.

prisons "completely lacking in access to night sanitation". The Home Office admitted that it knew of no other European country with a worse situation. That was "unacceptable".

The committee recommends an investigation into why most new prisons do not open on time and calls for prompt action to speed construction without going over budget. Pilot schemes for faster construction added up to £5 million to overall costs.

House of Commons' Committee of Public Accounts 42nd report: *Financial Control and Accountability of the Metropolitan Police, Court and Prison Building Programmes* (Stationery Office, £5.70 net).

Big turnout likely at Bar conference

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A record number of more than 400 barristers and judges, minus their wigs and gowns, is expected to meet at the Royal Courts of Justice this weekend for the annual conference of the Bar.

The conference has attracted its biggest audience at a time of great change for the profession. The Middle Temple Hall, including the gallery, the venue for the conference dinner, is expected to be full for the first time this century.

The Government has not responded to the Marre committee report on the future of the legal profession and its proposals to allow solicitors into the higher courts.

However, Mr Roger Henderson, QC, chairman of the conference committee, said yesterday the conference was not about "Bar politics" or the recommendations of the Marre committee report.

Instead, it demonstrated "why it is that the Bar is properly regarded as the specialist in the law". Mr Henderson said: "It is a chance for us to do some good hard thinking

on some of the most difficult topics of the law". The conference enabled barristers "to impart their expertise and provide others with post-qualification education and re-education to the highest level".

At least 100 pupil barristers will attend for the first time, having been given a big discount.

The conference will be opened with an address by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor. Workshop debates will include criminal justice; medical negligence and "no-fault" compensation; judicial review; tax planning and tax "traps" for the Bar.

The most heavily-subscribed workshop is on litigating disasters, where the speakers will include Mr Justice Hirst and Mr Justice Beldam. Mr Justice Kennedy will speak on medical negligence.

Other speakers will include Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC, on courtroom technology; Mr Michael Beloff, QC, on judicial review in sport and Mr David Jeffreys, QC, on the powers of the Court of Appeal.

Four solicitors given striking-off orders

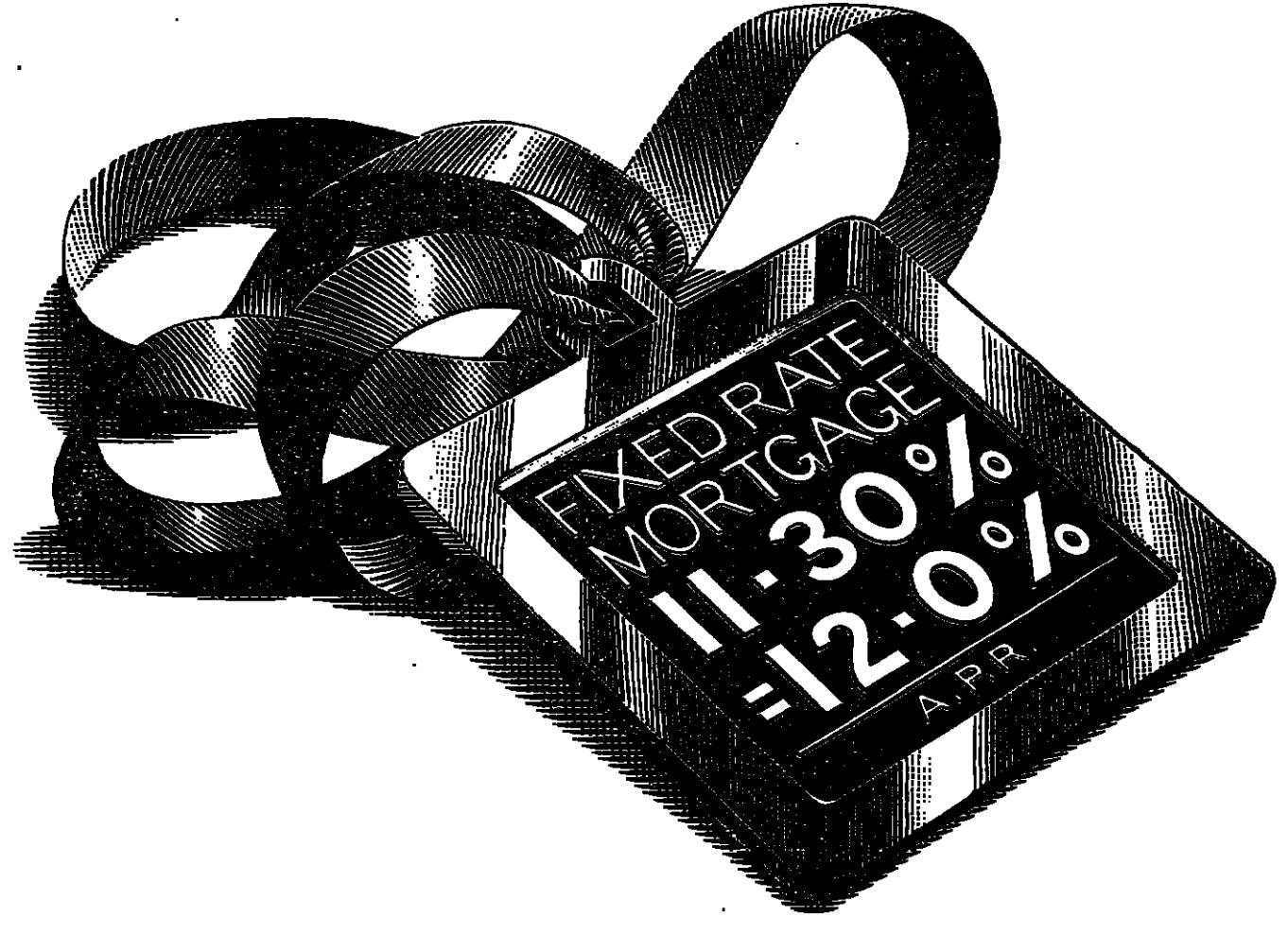
Four solicitors were yesterday ordered to be struck off for unprofessional conduct.

Errol Ellis-Carr, of Tottenham High Street, north London, admitted to the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal in London that he misused clients' money and failed to keep up-to-date accounts. The tribunal praised his efforts on behalf of the Broadwater Farm Community Youth Association.

ton, Warwickshire, admitted to, among other things, misleading clients about their financial affairs and the misuse of clients' money.

James Park, of Pinner Hill, Middlesex, served two years in prison for laundering stolen money.

David Rees, of Brecon, Powys, was ordered to be struck off for failing to carry out clients' business promptly. All four have 14 days in which to appeal.

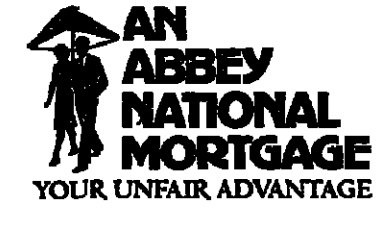


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THE DEMOCRATS CONFERENCE

Cartwright olive branch thrown back in his face

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr John Cartwright, the SDP president, came to preach reconciliation to the Democrats' conference in Blackpool yesterday and was met by a wall of uncompromising anger and hostility.

He and his host, the dissident Democrat MP Mr David Alton, were heckled and jeered throughout a highly charged fringe meeting at which just one of the audience of 200 or so spoke up in their support.

He was called a "traitor" and a "hypocrite". One questioner drew cheers when he suggested that Mr Cartwright went back to his constituency and prepared "for oblivion". Senior Democrats were angry that the meeting had overshadowed the conference itself and monopolized media attention.

But Mr Cartwright and Mr Alton insisted afterwards that the meeting had been the first essential if painful step towards dialogue between the feuding centre parties and had therefore been worthwhile.

Mr Cartwright said: "We are in the business of offering an olive branch. I expected the olive branch to be wrapped around my throat by the end of the meeting. It has gone better than expected." His party would continue to turn the other cheek and hope for reconciliation.

Mr Alton insisted that the meeting had at least opened a debate on future electoral strategy, which the conference had avoided, and claimed that many party members who agreed with him were afraid to speak out.

There is little evidence of support for reconciliation with Dr Owen's SDP among ordinary

party members, but there is evidence to suggest that up to half the party's 19 MPs privately admit to some degree of sympathy with what Mr Alton has been saying.

Several are alarmed at the overt aggression of Mr Ashdown's dismissal of the SDP and Labour, but most strongly disagree with the style and timing of Mr Alton's protests at a time when Mr Ashdown is trying to establish himself as leader.

Mr Alton had arranged for six BBC "heavies" to escort Mr Cartwright into Blackpool's Winter Gardens when he arrived, looking distinctly tense, at noon; in the event the hostility was purely vocal.

Amid constant interruptions, both men argued not for pacts or a new Alliance, but that the two parties should at least stop splitting at each other, begin talking and see how they could work together.

"I think when things settle down there will be a very considerable element of common ground", Mr Cartwright said, adding significantly that, though nuclear defence had been the main policy disagreement in the past, "it looks to me like something that may not be the problem it was".

The two MPs argued that the alternative to reconciliation was years of internecine warfare, with by-elections - the lifeblood of minor parties - lost, council chambers handed back to the Conservatives, and the cause of electoral reform and proportional representation wrecked.

The Democrats might ultimately succeed in destroying the SDP, Mr Cartwright admitted,

but the price would be years and years more Thatcherism.

"I cannot accept that people with whom I fought shoulder to shoulder over seven years have almost overnight become my sworn enemies", he said.

The Democrats would not be able to achieve everything they wanted by themselves.

"Surely it is better that we try to mobilize these resources in some common basis rather than waste time and effort fighting each other?"

Mr Cartwright added: "In the interests of both parties, in the interests of British politics as a whole, we should stop the sniping, the abuse and personal attacks which have marred our relations."

Mr Alton urged his own party to acknowledge the reality beyond "the fantasy land of the Blackpool illuminations".

He said that the Democrats could probably succeed in "wiping out" the SDP over the next few years, but it would be a dreadful pyrrhic victory that would cause irreparable damage to themselves.

Appealing to the generosity and magnanimity of what was supposed to be a tolerant party, he recalled the insistence of Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the former SDP leader, a year ago that the three sitting SDP MPs should not be opposed at the next election.

Quoting a line from Mr Paddy Ashdown's speech to a conference rally on Sunday night, Mr Alton argued: "As we reach for the stars we must also keep our feet firmly on the ground. I hope we can replace some of the aggressive language of confrontation with language that is positive."

Currie 'knitting at the scaffold'

Mrs Edwina Currie, a junior health minister, was likened to a knitter at the French guillotine and advised to eat steak pudding and chips when she was criticized in debates on health.

Mrs Jill Allen King, a member of the Royal National Institute for the Blind health committee, who was led to the rostrum by her guide dog, attacked the Government's proposal to introduce charges for sight tests.

She said that one person went blind every 45 minutes. "We want to prevent people going blind. I went totally blind at the age of 24 and I know what it is like. There is a glaucoma test which people can have, but they have to be encouraged. The Government is not encouraging them."

Sir Cyril Smith, MP for Rochdale, was loudly cheered when he appeared on the rostrum wearing a woolly hat and scarf. "It's all right", he told the conference. "I am of pensionable age." He added: "I can tell Edwina, a plate of steak pudding and chips would do her good."

He recalled that his mother, aged 84, who was in the hall, had gone without false teeth and had



Sir Cyril Smith, dressed for the health debates yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

bought spectacles at jumble sales because she could not afford proper treatment.

A motion reaffirming the party's commitment to a comprehensive public health system was passed.

● Mrs Currie was also under attack earlier, during an emergency debate on hypothermia. Mr Paul Beatty, of Stockport,

waved a ball of wool with a knitting needle through it as he told the conference that he was there to reveal the Government's secret weapon against poverty and cold.

"Are you waiting for a hip replacement? Knit yourself a prosthesis. Hard of hearing? Knit yourself a deaf aid. Do you need a mobility allowance? Knit yourself a wheelchair," he said.

"She [Mrs Currie] is the Madame Defarge of health, knitting at the foot of the guillotine as under-funding does its grisly work."

He successfully moved a motion calling on the Government to double the heating allowance, improve home-insulation grants and end standing charges for gas and electricity for pensioners.

Ashdown may spark deputy chief row

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

Mr Paddy Ashdown is to back one of his closest colleagues for the deputy leadership of the Democrats in an attempt to reinforce the new image and direction he wants to give the party.

But by supporting Mr Menzies Campbell, who has been only in the Commons since June 1987, he risks further alienating former Liberal members of the parliamentary party anxious to

ensure that their long historic tradition continues to be recognized adequately.

If a candidate representing that wing of the party stands for the job, the contest threatens to develop into a struggle between the old Liberal tradition and those wanting a more professional approach.

Last night, Mr Alan Beith, former deputy leader of the Liberals and seen by many as the Liberal tradition's standard bearer, said he had not given

much thought to entering the battle. "My position remains that it will be unlikely that I will stand", he added.

Mr Beith, who was beaten by Mr Ashdown in the leadership contest, is likely to come under pressure to stand for the election in November, although if he does, he runs the risk of being defeated yet again as MPs from Scotland make up half the parliamentary party and want that to be reflected in the leadership.

Despite being in the Commons only since the last general election, supporters of Mr Ashdown see Mr Campbell, QC aged 47, as one of the "rising stars" of the party. His early support for Mr Ashdown during the leadership contest was crucial and the new leader's confidence in him was seen when he appointed him as defence spokesman.

Mr Campbell is seen as the ideal partner for Mr Ashdown, offering a "safe pair of hands"

Mother shouted down on gays

A mother of four who defended section 28 of the Local Government Act as no more than an attempt to protect children was shouted down when she spoke during a debate on homosexual rights.

Mrs Jean Gabbins, a former teacher and youth club worker from Aylesbury, was greeted with cries of "Rubbish" when she suggested that the half-empty hall was not representative of the party membership.

She said that to suggest, as the motion did, that section 28, which prohibits local authorities from promoting homosexuality, offended the principles and values of a decent society was the reverse of the truth. It was simply an attempt to protect children from homosexuals who were of a campaigning disposition.

The conference overwhelmingly carried the motion, which rejected prejudice and discrimination based on sexual orientation and stated that section 28 constituted an unacceptable attack upon the civil liberties of homosexuals.

Law-breaking not the answer

Law-breaking was not the way to oppose the poll tax, Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP for Gordon, said. It was a "wicked and evil" tax, but law-breaking was not the answer.

"Law-breaking may be macho, but at best it is futile and at worst dangerous."

He was moving a motion, later carried, condemning the decision of the Scottish National Party to campaign for non-payment of the poll tax and condemning those individual Labour Party members advocating non-payment. The motion demanded the replacement of the poll tax with a local income tax.

Division of the spoils

The English party decided that the rebate from centrally collected membership subscriptions to local and regional parties should be 15 per cent next year and that the division of this between the two should be decided locally.

Sir Anthony Jacobs, chairman of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for England, said that in England the Democrats were about 15,000 short of its expected membership and would be in debt at the end of the year unless there was an unexpected increase in paying members by then.

Leading Democrats hailed the decisive rejection of moves to give local associations a greater share as an endorsement of the new party's centralised structure.

Central control

The conference deplored Government attacks on local government. A motion was passed that said that these would lead to increased central control over individuals. It called on the policy committee to draw up plans for a post-Thatcher age that would enable individuals to fulfil their potential within self-sustaining local communities.

Business today

Mr Paddy Ashdown made the leader's address this morning, on the last day of the Blackpool conference. Other business includes emergency debates and debates on the future of television, on citizens' rights and on environment and development.

Lawson the 'news manager' attacked

TREASURY

A blistering attack on the Chancellor of the Exchequer came from Mr Alan Beith, the newly appointed parliamentary spokesman on Treasury affairs, when he opened an emergency debate on the economy.

He said that Mr Lawson should follow other politicians who had gone into public relations. His powers of news management were considerable. Anyone deserved to be recognized when they could induce sighs of relief in the City by publishing the second worst current account deficit on record.

The Chancellor had encouraged people to take up mortgages and now they had lost more in interest-rate rises than they had gained from tax cuts. Meanwhile, the Chancellor was looking round for ways of taking out of the cost-of-living index the biggest single item in so many household budgets.

He did not get the support of the Prime Minister even when he was right - as on joining the European Monetary System. Mrs Thatcher's little-England attitude would disadvantage this country because Britain would not be able to compete with her European partners after 1992 when they were developing their financial institutions without us.

He successfully moved the emergency motion noting recent rises in interest rates, escalating inflation and the sharp deterioration in the balance of pay-

ments and calling on the Government to abandon its short-sighted obsession with income-tax cuts and its exclusive and foolish reliance upon a series of interest-rate rises that hurt investment, exports and house-buyers alike.

The motion was overwhelmingly carried.

● The conference overwhelmingly backed a motion calling for a supportive financial climate for industry, long-term investment support from investment banks, better education and higher status for engineers and a new status for industrial employees through co-operatives and profit-sharing.

It was criticized by Mr Alan Watson, chairman of the communications committee, as "a vague recipe of good will". On economic policy, the public were asking: Where's the meat? "Sadly the motion contains very little."

In his debut as the party's spokesman for trade and industry, Mr Charles Kennedy, MP, said that Thatcherite values had encouraged too many talented young people to opt for the "quick flick" of wealth creation on the video screen instead of making a genuine contribution towards design, marketing, management, planning and production.

Wallace to the rescue

By Our Political Reporter

There is a touch of the prima donna about many Democrat MPs. Because they are few they tend to think themselves special.

They agonize over principles. Their leaders are easily rattled. They need handling with kid gloves if the parliamentary party is not to split or splinter over every emotive issue.

There has been a glut of such issues in recent months, beginning with merger calls and culminating in Monday's near-fiasco over the loss of the cherished word Liberal from the party's short title. Only one MP, David Alton, has been lost overboard, though he may accept a lifeline in another year. That the rest are still on board is largely due to Jim Wallace, the party's chief whip.

Not for the first time, it was Wallace, a bright 34-year-old Scottish lawyer, who came to the rescue on Monday.

As rebellious former Liberal MPs queued before the cameras to denounce the vote, he led each aside and took detailed soundings. The media expected a fearful row at that night's parliamentary party meeting. In fact it rubber-stamped a consensus already reached: that the party would use its long title at Westminster.

Wallace can take credit for January's brilliantly stage-managed Liberal conference held in Blackpool to agree to merger with the SDP.

A massive endorsement was required. He delivered a united parliamentary party by dint of hours of patient persuasion of wavering colleagues, with Simon Hughes finally falling into line only on the very morning of the crucial vote.



Mr Wallace: An unusually good chief whip

It was Wallace who had to tell David Steel that his MPs had rejected his infamous "Dead Parrot" policy document. Wallace was then part of the small group that in one weekend forged a new document for the merged party that his colleagues could support.

Earlier this month he and Archy Kirkwood helped to settle damaging disputes between Paddy Ashdown and senior MPs over the allocation of shadow portfolios. Their delicate juggling enabled Ashdown to unveil a united team on the eve of this week's conference.

He does his chief whip's job unusually well, and without the carrots of jobs and foreign trips that his Tory and Labour counterparts can offer. His colleagues have twice unanimously elected him to the job.

"Jim's a very good operator, very cool, well liked and well

respected", a fellow MP said. He doesn't rub people up the wrong way. He has a good lawyer's mind. He likes to weave threads together and loves smoke-filled rooms. He tries to persuade, not bludgeon, and usually succeeds."

Another said: "He's in danger of becoming indispensable. Everyone trusts him. He's our party's Willie Whitelaw or Geoffrey Howe."

Wallace, fresh-faced but silver-haired, has been an MP for only five years. He is married with two small daughters. He was born in Dumfriesshire, educated at Annan Academy, and took a first in law at Cambridge before going to Edinburgh University. He was called to the Scottish bar in 1979, fought Dumfries in that year's general election and was the first Liberal to save his deposit there since 1945.

He has David Steel to thank for the fact that he has ended up in Parliament, though that was hardly Steel's intention. When the Liberals gave up constituencies to their new SDP allies in 1982, Steel arranged for his assistant, Archy Kirkwood, to fight the Roxburgh and Berwickshire constituency next to his own for the Liberals. In return, Wallace's Dumfries constituency was sacrificed to the SDP.

For Wallace that apparent blow turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Instead of continuing to fight a no-hope seat, he inherited Orkney and Shetland, one of the safest Liberal seats in the country, from the former Liberal leader, Jo Grimond.

Thus it was that the Social and Liberal Democrats gained their invaluable "Jim'll fix it."



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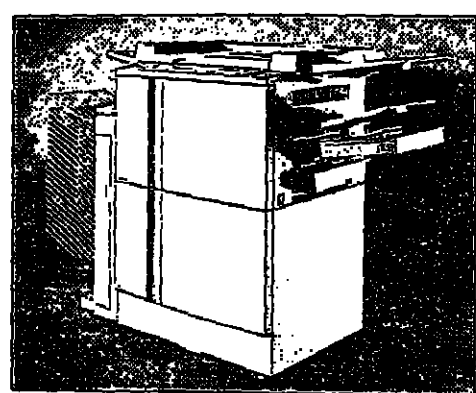
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Help schools mould the staff you need, Baker tells industry

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Cabinet ministers told British industry yesterday that it was no longer good enough to complain about the failure of schools to produce suitably qualified young people.

It was up to them to get involved even to the point of shaping what lessons should be taught and how.

And to help them, the Government yesterday announced a £12 million scheme to ensure that every child in Britain was given at least two weeks work experience and that 10 per cent of their teachers annually spent at least two weeks in industry.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told a conference of businessmen held to launch the Enterprise and Education Initiative scheme: "Business has complained that the curriculum is no good, that the schools are not training young people. But they cannot expect to leave it to me or the education system. You must now ask what you can do to influence the schools."

Mr Baker later said that business and industry could influence the curriculum, particularly in science, tech-

Mr Neil Fletcher, Labour leader of the Inner London Education Authority, told a fringe meeting that black and working-class parents should use the provisions of the Education Reform Act, requiring schools to admit pupils up to their physical capacity, to "break into those state schools which have remained middle-class preserves".

nology and mathematics. And Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said: "The remedy is today in your hands. Before you complain ask yourself why you were too busy to help that local school. Why would not help that teacher who wanted to spend a few weeks with you. Why could not provide work experience for a boy or girl from your local school."

Lord Young said the Department of Trade and Industry was financing 140 local advisers to help to establish links between schools and businesses.

In addition to the £12 million from the Department of Trade and Industry - £5.3

million for the advisers and £6.7 million to support the teacher placement programme - Mr Baker is providing £3.5 million for business training for teachers.

The government scheme is announced in the week when two surveys, from the Confederation of British Industry and the Bow Group, criticized links between schools and their failure to provide properly trained young people.

Lord Young said his department had conducted research which showed teachers and employers had little understanding of each other. Many of the difficulties, Lord Young said, were removed once the two sides spoke to each other and were both equally concerned for the future of young people.

The third Cabinet minister at the conference, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said: "If employers are going to attract young people they are going to have to offer more than a job and initial training. They are going to have to offer them training and retraining throughout their working lives."

Preston inmates in full bloom



The Preston prison garden party is no elegant social occasion but six inmates armed with spades, hoes and a determination are working to brighten their surroundings (Ronald Faux writes).

Mr Paul Bamber, Officer Instructor (Gardens), supervises inmates in their task. Every scrap of soil within the prison compound that will yield a flower has been encouraged to add its own patch of colour to combat the grim stone and razorwire guarding a champion among walled gardens.

For the third time, Preston has won the Windlesham Trophy for the best kept prison patch. The trophy was presented yesterday by Lord Wind-

sham, chairman of the parole board, who devised the competition.

Mr Bamber has guided the gardeners to a result of which the Royal Horticultural Society would be proud. Three RHS specialists judged the competition that Preston has won against jails with many more advantages.

Being in the garden party is a prime perk among the 600 inmates. Mr Bamber said: "Whether a prisoner takes anything from it is up to him but in spring-time everyone wants to be a gardener." There are 20 separate plots, the largest covering 600 square yards.

"We have palm trees, pampas grass, coiffers, heather beds, pools and water-

falls, perfume bushes, rock gardens and the odd garden gnome."

For the gardeners there is some satisfaction and relief from the tedium of prison.

Lord Windlesham remained sure that his scheme planted some seeds of a different attitude to life. "Many of these people have failed at everything they have tried. The trouble is that while we know when people offend again and return to prison we don't know what it is that makes people decide to change... there is security in prison, an institutional support that prisoners learn to depend on. They have to be shown there is something better outside."

Church tower has a bashful saviour

By Robin Young

A crumpled and anonymous bank draft for £25,000 found stuffed into an offertory box in the wall of St Mary Magdalene Church, Morte-hoe, near Ilfracombe, north Devon, has saved the 800-year-old tower from ruin.

The village (population about 250) had been working for 18 months organizing barn dances, flower festivals, whist drives and 50-50 auctions to raise £13,500 towards a £40,000 appeal.

The mysterious benefaction was found by the church warden and chairman of the tower appeal committee, Mr Tim Lusted. The draft, drawn on Barclays Bank in Barnstaple, had been pressed through the slot of a collecting box just inside the church door.

Mr Lusted said yesterday: "The piece of paper was so crumpled up it could have been thrown away as a scrap of waste. No one would have thought of finding a cheque in there. At first, when I unfolded it, I thought it was a hoax, but the bank confirmed it was authentic, although they are not allowed to tell us who donated it. It's like a miracle, as if people's prayers had been answered."

Baker backing for fees competition

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has given his unequivocal support to proposals to introduce competition among universities by giving students more influence over the allocation of funds in higher education.

Speaking at the annual conference of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals in Oxford yesterday, Mr Baker outlined two ways in which students could be given greater purchasing power in the higher education market place at no extra cost to the Government.

He said increasing the tuition fee paid via the local education authority and correspondingly reducing the block grant - administered by the Universities Funding Council and paid direct by the Government to colleges - would have a "double benefit".

Efforts "would become better tuned to what your students want and the balance of power would shift towards the individual consumer and away from the centre". The

least radical method of doing that would be to put a "modest increase" on the tuition fee paid via local education authorities.

Mr Baker said universities had to improve their teaching standards. They had sometimes been neglected in favour of research, which itself should be more discriminating.

He was considering changing the way universities were financed, by separately funding research and teaching while insisting on higher standards with regular monitoring.

He said: "Universities need to assign to teaching the same prestige as they have traditionally assigned to research. Effective teaching needs to be identified, highly prized, encouraged and rewarded. There must be no risk of teaching being neglected in a department at the expense of research."

He urged universities to "think separately about the quality of their performance as teaching institutions and as research institutions".

More aid sought for poor to study

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

Proposals for funds of up to £8 million to help to send more disabled people and those from poorer backgrounds or racial minorities to college have been put to the Treasury.

The plans come from the National Advisory Body of Public Sector Higher Education and its chairman, Mr Robert Jackson, Under-secretary of State at the Department of Education and Science.

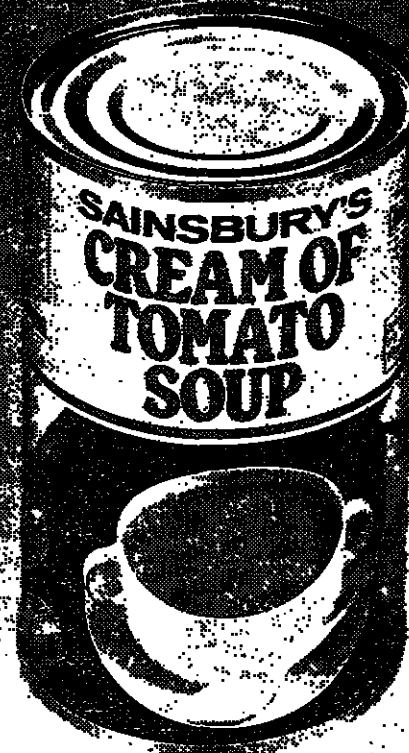
It calls for teams at polytechnics and colleges to find ways to increase numbers in higher education from such

groups. A report from the NAB equal opportunities group, led by Mrs Beverly Anderson, senior lecturer in education at Oxford Polytechnic, was accepted "without dissent".

It says that institutions should investigate "initiatives such as the setting up of institutional targets or the allocation of specific resources".

Mr Jackson said on Tuesday that only 8 per cent of students at university, and 12 per cent in polytechnics, were of working-class origin.

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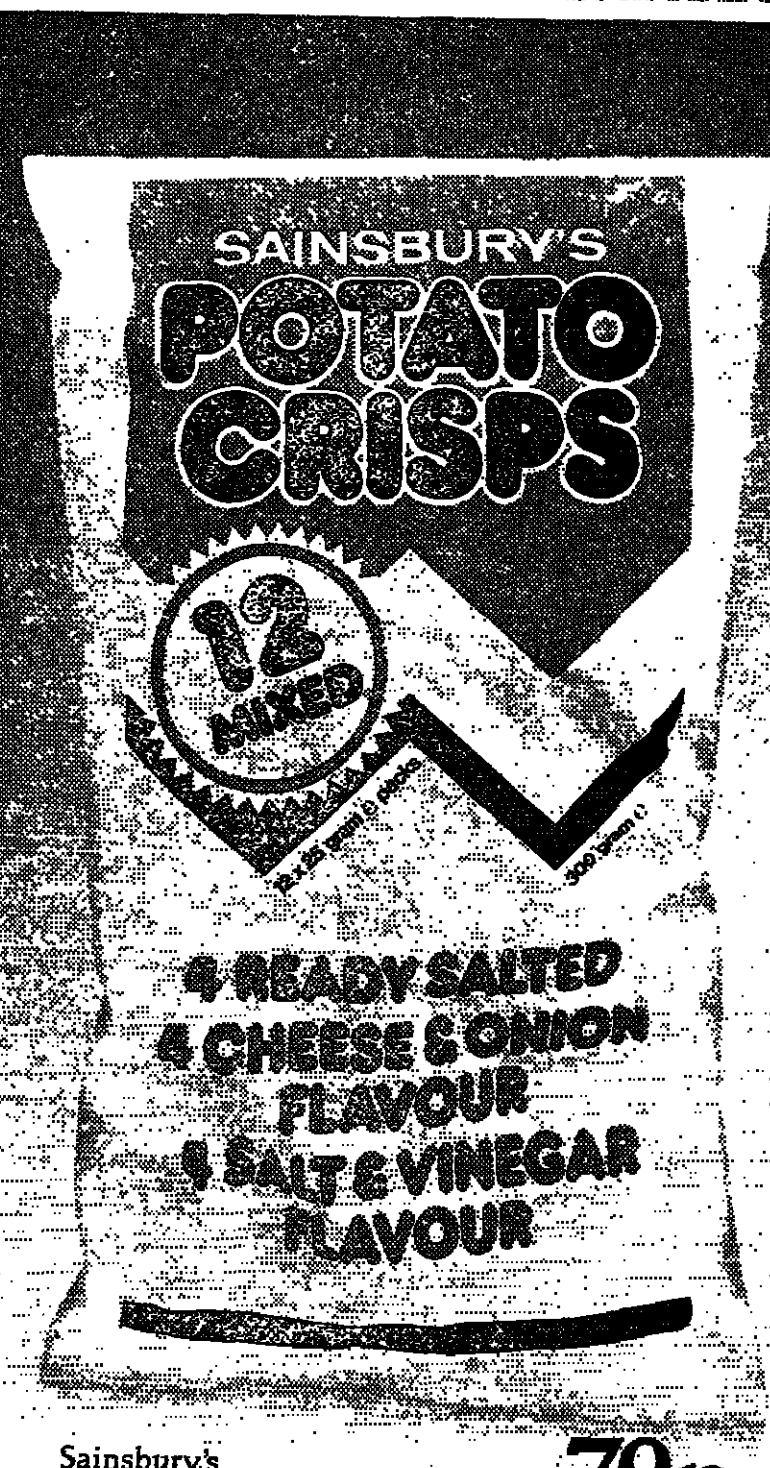


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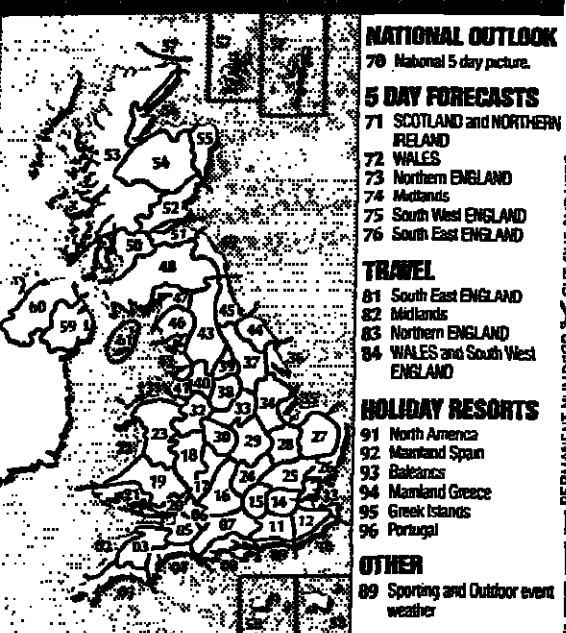
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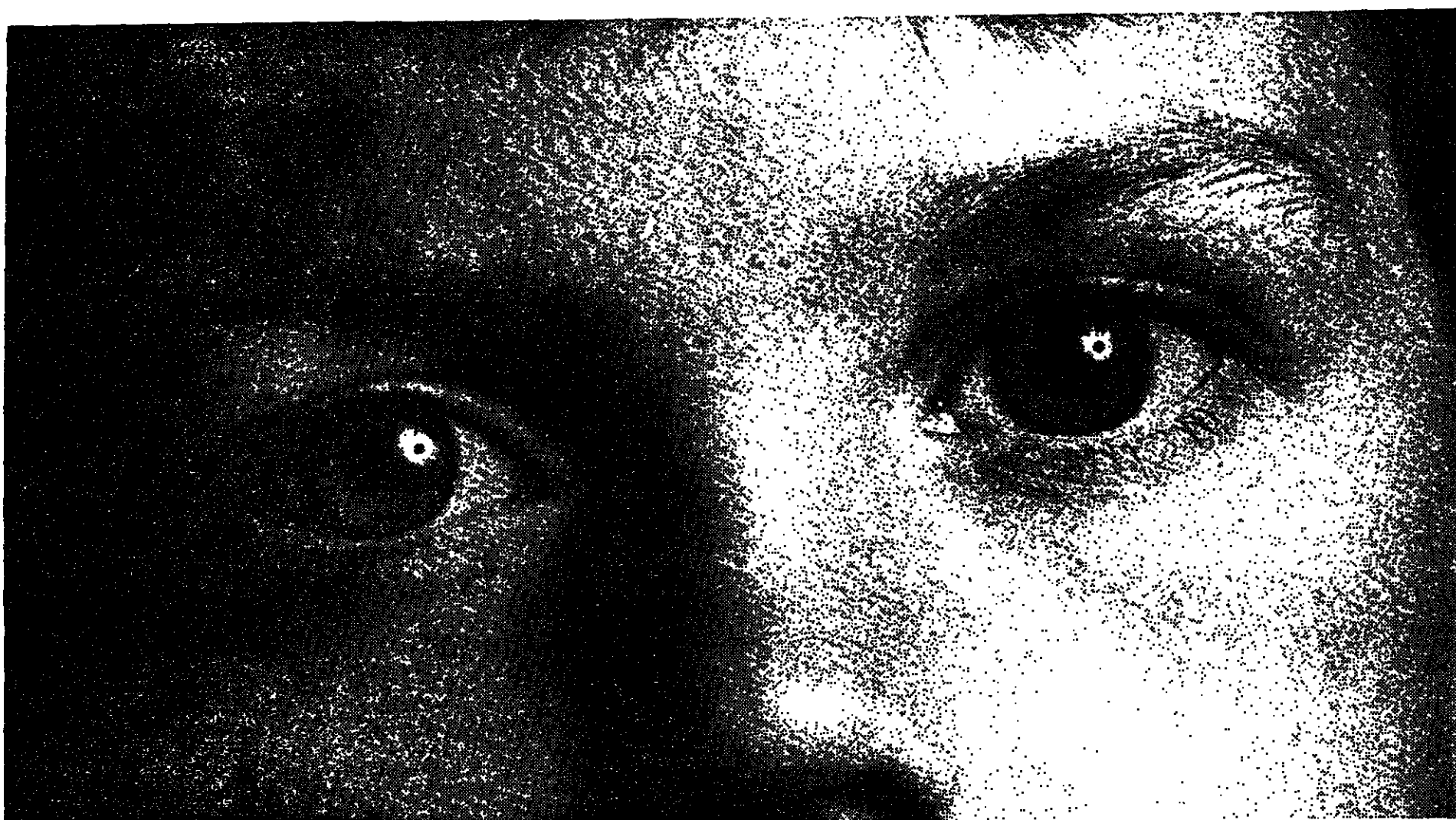


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Not normally words to move a man to tears.

But John and Helen Willett had just been told that their three energetic young sons were all suffering from Duchenne muscular dystrophy, an incurable muscle wasting disease.

In a single blow, all dreams of their future went out of the window.

Leaving behind the sickening, hollow feeling that unless a cure is found, Luke, Barnaby and Tom won't grow up at all, beyond their early twenties.

What does it mean?

Duchenne is the most common and most severe form of muscular dystrophy.

In the majority of cases the gene that causes it is carried by the mother.

Though she won't develop it herself, there's a one in two chance she'll pass the disease on to her sons.

It follows a predictable course.

Matched against children of the same age, the boys are slow and tire easily.

Then, as the muscles begin to waste away, they'll need calipers to walk.

Before they're 10 years old, they'll be in wheelchairs.

How do you cope?

Every morning the Willett boys have to be washed, dressed, breakfasted, put on and off lavatories, have their teeth

cleaned and be ready for the school bus by 7:40am. Sometimes, not surprisingly, the strain begins to show.

Night after night of getting up to turn Luke over, scratching an itch for him, tucking in a stray leg that falls out of bed, his Dad will be snappy.

Then he says "Oh God, I've shouted at them again. I know only too well that when something happens to Luke, I shan't be able to live with myself."

When he was a toddler, friends said that Luke's chubby little legs foretold a great future as a rugby player.

Nobody guessed then that those athletic looking calves were created by the fatty tissue that replaces healthy muscles.

Can you tell if you're a carrier?

The answer is yes. In most cases, now you can.

In October 1986 scientists identified the gene that carries Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

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In time, this heartbreaking disease will be eradicated. But where does that leave Luke, Barnaby and Tom?

How far off is a cure?

A lot of work needs to be done before a treatment, let alone a cure, is found.

But after years in the dark, recent scientific discoveries have meant that research into the disease is now much further ahead than anyone ever dared hope.

And every day the Willetts' dream of a miracle comes a little closer.

John has become Vice-Chairman of his local branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Group, a nationwide voluntary organisation that raises funds for research into the dystrophies that affect both children and adults.

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Geneva talks prolonged

Iran demands that Britain confess to a string of 'crimes'

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Iran has demanded that Britain should eat humble pie — by confessing to a long string of alleged misdeeds against the revolutionary regime — as the price for a resumption of normal diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Its negotiators, having talks with Britain in Geneva, are calling for a joint statement in which the British Government admits to past actions which Tehran regards as crimes.

These include the supposed assault on the Iranian consul in Manchester after he had been detained for shoplifting last year.

That incident was followed by the beating up and overnight detention of a British diplomat in Tehran, which precipitated the row between the two countries.

Both sides now seek a thaw after a year in which the Iranians have been represented by only one diplomat in London, and the British have had no one in Tehran apart from occasional diplomatic visitors.

Mr Mahmoud Vaezi, head of the West European department of the Iranian Foreign Office, pressed for the declaration in talks with Sir David Miers, Assistant Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, and Mr Rob Young, head of the Middle East department.

But Whitehall sources said that Britain had no intention of admitting anything. The demand was seen as no more

than a negotiating ploy by Tehran, using a deliberately exaggerated "opening bid" in the hope of later securing a much smaller concession.

The sources noted that there appeared to be no problem on the Iranian side with any of the main issues under discussion.

Tehran seems to be willing for a full team of diplomats from each country to return to the main issues under discussion.

Baghdad (Reuters) — Iraq is working on a new super-weapon, President Saddam Hussein told military and government officials being honoured for their role in the Gulf War yesterday.

He gave no hint what the weapon might be, but said it was in service with only two other countries. Late in the war Iraq used modified versions of the Russian-designed Scud missile, with a range of 400 miles.

The other, probably led by a chargé d'affaires.

Britain has insisted that there should be reciprocity in the arrangement and that the British Embassy should operate as such rather than as the British Interest Section of the Swedish Embassy. This does not, however, appear to be a sticking point.

The Iranian attempt to turn the resumption of normal relations into a diplomatic victory for Tehran has caused the Geneva talks to continue far longer than was envisaged.

The Foreign Office had hoped the matter could be

settled in a single day, but by last night the discussions looked like continuing late into the evening for the second consecutive day and might have to continue today.

The prolongation of the talks would seem to increase doubts that a full resumption of normal relations would be announced when Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, meets his Iranian counterpart, Mr Ali Akbar Velayati in New York tomorrow.

WASHINGTON: The US House of Representatives has overwhelmingly approved sanctions legislation banning the export of weapons and sensitive technology to Iraq in retaliation for Baghdad's alleged use of chemical weapons against its Kurdish rebels (Mohsin Ali writes).

The House passed the measure in a strongly bipartisan vote of 388 to 16.

The sanctions are less sweeping than those in a Bill unanimously approved by the Senate earlier this month.

The Senate as well as banning the export of weapons and technology, would halt American credit to Iraq and prohibit the importation into the US of Iraqi oil.

Senior Senate and House negotiators will now try to find common ground between the two Bills before the two chambers finally vote on an agreed version.

Baghdad has strongly denied that it has carried out poison-gas attacks against its Kurdish rebels.

Philippines hospital arrest



Mr William Robb, a Briton arrested by Manila immigration authorities while in hospital with gunshot wounds, being presented to the press in his cell yesterday. The Philippine news agency said he was wanted in the US for an alleged connection with a drug-smuggling ring.

Lhasa parades 'convicts' to forestall unrest

By David Watts

Threats of execution and the sight of a drab convoy of shackled prisoners are being used by the authorities in Lhasa to terrify any Tibetans planning to repeat last year's nationalist demonstrations.

But the Tibetans refuse to be cowed by a massive show of force, according to a Briton who watched the sorry cargo of 30 prisoners being unloaded from lorries near the capital's post office on Tuesday. They were harangued for about half an hour, "convicted" of such offences as theft, and then packed into the 12 trucks again for another parade around the city before being taken to prison.

The authorities anticipated a repeat of the unrest, which preceded China's National Day last October 1, by calling up strong reinforcements for the local security forces in the hours before the trial.

The Briton who watched the prisoners being unloaded from the trucks and handcuffed near the Deyi Shar Lam, the city's main street, said: "It was a very impressive display of power and was clearly designed to intimidate the population. I can't talk long, I'm being listened to," he said on the telephone from the Tibetan capital.

The public humiliation of the prisoners, which came after a curfew the previous evening, was the most public of warnings directed at those who may want to repeat last year's demonstrations. During those protests thousands showed their hatred of domination by Peking, and at least six died.

But there was no repressing the Tibetans the following day, exactly a year after the first day of unrest. Twelve monks, in civilian dress so that they might melt quickly into the crowd in the event of trouble, came out to parade around the Jokhang, Tibet's principal monastery.

Ostensibly in prayer, they managed to make one circuit of the monastery, carrying a picture of the Tibetan leader, the Dalai Lama, and a cardboard representation of the banned Tibetan flag, before security forces rushed in to break up their gesture.

It is not clear whether tear gas or bullets were used, although three shots were

fired. All the monks appeared to escape, but at least one youth of 16 was arrested when enraged Tibetans started hurling stones and abuse.

The Chinese are afraid that a much larger protest will develop on Saturday, the anniversary of the killings.

To forestall that, Chinese officials moved into a number of the leading monasteries around Lhasa in late August and early September, hoping to extinguish the demonstrations at source. According to one recent visitor to Lhasa, when one Chinese official was asked why he was in a monastery he replied: "Because October is coming."

These officials are said to be holding regular compulsory meetings with monks, demanding confessions for last year's demonstrations, and threatening holy men with expulsion from monasteries, imprisonment or execution.

A meeting early this month of the authorities of the Tibet autonomous region is said to have discussed another ploy to minimize the potential for trouble. It proposed that monks and nuns without Lhasa residence cards be sent back to their villages.

The Lhasa crackdown follows a Chinese offer to the Dalai Lama, who lives in exile in India, to meet for discussions at a venue of his choice. This appears to have been an attempt to buy off further protest, since Peking has already rejected his latest outline for negotiation, as put to the European Parliament at Strasbourg in June.

In his address the Tibetan leader said that the mountain kingdom should become a "self-governing democratic political entity ... in association with the People's Republic of China". To the Chinese that is shorthand for independence, something Peking cannot countenance.

Tibetans are being made increasingly desperate by their economic conditions, for they have to compete with more and more ethnic Han Chinese, who are offered cash and tax incentives to move into their country. One adviser to the Tibetan Government, Mr Michael Van Wall, maintains this policy could lead to "cultural genocide" in five years.

Prague orders two Britons to leave in tit-for-tat expulsion

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Relations between Britain and Czechoslovakia darkened further yesterday when Prague expelled two British officials in retaliation for the British expulsion of three Czech intelligence officers last week.

Mr John Macgregor, the British chargé d'affaires in Prague, was summoned to the Czechoslovak Foreign Office to be told that the two men had 14 days in which to

leave the country. They were named as Wing Commander John Maynard, aged 54, the air attaché, and Warrant Officer Graham Addy, aged 36.

Wing Commander Maynard is married, with three children, and was posted to Prague in May 1986. Warrant Officer Addy is also married, with two children, and took up his post in June 1986.

A Czechoslovak official named in diplomatic reports only as Mr

Vaniček, said that the two officers were being expelled "because they have engaged in the gathering of information of an intelligence character which is in direct conflict with their positions".

Later in the conversation he used the euphemism usually employed by the British Government to describe spying, saying that the men had engaged in "activities incompatible with their status".

The spying allegation was denied

rigorously by British sources. Mr Macgregor told Mr Vaniček that the move should have been described honestly as retaliation rather than attempting to disguise it with baseless allegations.

Mr Vaniček softened the blow slightly by saying that Czechoslovakia nevertheless wished to develop its relations with Britain, but Mr Macgregor retorted that the intelligence officers Britain had expelled had not helped and that the

latest move would be equally unhelpful. Whitehall sources noted that Prague had expelled only two Britons against the three Czechs.

Last Thursday, Major Bedrich Kramar, assistant military and air attaché, Major Vlastimil Netolický, from the military attaché's office, and Mr Pavel Moudry, from the commercial section, were told to leave Britain within 14 days after "activities incompatible with their status".

WORLD ROUNDUP

Acts of terrorism increase by third

Washington — Acts of international terrorism will probably reach a record peak of about 1,000 incidents this year (Mohsin Ali writes). Mr Jerry Bremer, US Ambassador-at-large for counter-terrorism, told reporters on Tuesday that so far this year perhaps a third more terrorist acts had been recorded than last year. Much of the increase in 1988 had been in Latin America, particularly on economic targets in Colombia. The ambassador observed that there had been fewer spectacular airline hijackings, partly due to better airport security and intelligence co-operation among Western nations.

He warned of new technological advances, such as the explosive, semtex, and sophisticated fuses that could delay detonation of explosives by more than a fortnight. The Middle East still accounted for about half of all acts of international terrorism, in which terrorists strike at more than one country. Not all authorities accept the State Department's definition of terrorist acts.

Shuttle 'ready to fly'

Cape Canaveral (Reuters, AP) — US space agency officials yesterday cleared the shuttle Discovery for flight and gave orders to fuel the vehicle for launching just before 3 pm today. Engineers had been working against the countdown clock to determine whether a possibly flawed seal in the propulsion system of a satellite in Discovery's cargo bay was enough reason to stop the launch.

Mr Richard Truly, the shuttle administrator said: "The space shuttle is ready to fly. Even the weather is looking good." He added that the crew members, who had been isolated in medical quarantine, were elated by the news. Discovery and its crew of five veteran astronauts are due to blast off on a planned four-day flight regarded as crucial to the US space programme. It is expected to return to Earth on October 3 and land at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Up to a million tourists are expected to watch the launch.

Syrians hurt in blast

Beirut (Reuters) — A pick-up truck packed with explosives blew up at a Syrian checkpoint south of Beirut yesterday wounding 19 people, including a Syrian officer and four soldiers. The blast ripped through the Khaldi intersection linking Beirut to south Lebanon and the mountains. Witnesses said the vehicle had been parked near the checkpoint manned by scores of troops and plainclothes Syrian intelligence men. One witness said torn limbs and shredded military clothing lay in pools of blood. Another said the explosion occurred as troops searched the vehicle.

Israel policy attacked

Israel's increased use of plastic bullets in the occupied territories was criticized yesterday by Mr William Waldegrave, Foreign Office Minister of State (Andrew McEwen writes). He told Mr Yehuda Avner, the Israeli Ambassador, that the Government was "distressed" at the "deliberate policy of inflicting injury". Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, also implicitly criticized the tactics in a speech to the United Nations General Assembly in New York, when he talked of "the violent suppression of Palestinian aspirations" jeopardizing the search for peace.

New Icelandic leader

Reykjavik (AFP) — Mr Steingurur Hermannsson, aged 60, the leader of the Agrarian Progress Party, was named yesterday as Iceland's new Prime Minister at the head of a tripartite coalition Government. The other partners are the Social Democratic Party, which was also one of the three partners in the previous Government, and a former opposition party, the far-left People's Alliance. Nine ministerial portfolios have been divided equally among the three parties. Mr Hermannsson was the Foreign Minister in the previous Government, which resigned on September 17.

Spirited Dukakis plays well to Peoria audience

From Michael Binyon Washington

Campaigning in Peoria, the proverbial archetypal middle-America city, Governor Michael Dukakis has followed up his success in the presidential debate by lambasting Vice-President George Bush repeatedly for the Administration's record on health care, housing and social issues.

"When it comes to social security and George Bush," Mr Dukakis told an enthusiastic Illinois crowd, "don't read his lips, read his record." His mockery of Mr Bush's favourite line about taxes evoked a strong response as he displayed a new and confident aggressiveness in attacking his rival.

"The issue in this campaign isn't simply what will play in Peoria," he said. "The issue is what will work in Peoria and will work all across America." He gave a warning that Mr Bush would "raid the social security trust fund" to reduce the federal deficit, and said his rival would try to cut social security and welfare.

In a spirited rebuttal to Republican attempts to portray him as a liberal, he placed himself firmly in the mainstream of middle-class America, saying that mainstream Americans should have the right to decent and affordable



health care, should be able to send their children to college and should not have to worry if a parent or grandparent needed long-term care.

With unusually lively rhetoric, he induced the crowd to chant back "not one word when he asked what Mr Bush had to say about this to mainstream America."

The Dukakis campaign is delighted that Sunday's debate seems to have brought back the election focus to domestic issues and social problems, an area in which the Massachu-

setts governor believes his appeal to the middle class finds greatest resonance.

Mr Bush is fighting for the votes of the same groups of low-income and middle-income earners in the Mid-West, and has been outlining a new tax-deferred savings plan to encourage young families to save. He told the Republican state convention in Columbus, Ohio, that his "individual savings account" plan would enable those in the 28 per cent tax bracket to contribute up to \$1,000 (\$588) a year, which would help them pay for a home, college tuition or starting a business while contributing to the national economy.

No taxes would be charged on the interest, and Mr Michael Boskin, a Stanford University professor and one of Mr

Bush's chief economic advisers, said a person in the medium-tax bracket could save about \$145 a year if he left his \$1,000 in the plan for 10 years.

Critics, however, say the plan would not offer any real incentive to save, and that a person would save only \$14.70 if he took his investment out after five years at an 8 per cent interest rate. This is the fifth new tax break the Vice-President has proposed, without saying how the lost revenues would be made up.

Mr Dukakis pounced on these calculations to ridicule the latest Bush proposal, contrasting them with the Bush promise to cut capital gains.

"Today he discovered the rest of America, and he told us

just what his priorities are. He wants to give the wealthiest 1 per cent of America \$30,000 on a tax break, and the rest of us are going to get 20 bucks. That, my friends, is the new definition of trickle down."

Crossing the same territory as Mr Dukakis, Mr Bush yesterday continued his campaign swing through the Mid-West. Today he goes to Michigan before returning to Washington in the evening.

Mr Dukakis also received an unexpected boost yesterday to his credentials in his weakest area, foreign policy, when he held a meeting with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, who had called on Mr Bush before the Sunday debate; Mr Bush referred pointedly to the meeting in emphasizing his experi-

ence in dealing with the Soviet leaders. It was not immediately clear who took the initiative in arranging the meeting with Mr Dukakis.

● Musical poll: The swing vote took on a whole new meaning when America's top pop television station became part of presidential politics. By an overwhelming vote, country-and-western fans prefer Mr Bush as president and by an even larger margin the rhythm-and-blues crowd digs Mr Dukakis.

A poll taken for MTV, a non-stop video-music cable station, found that even in music there are ideological differences. The Dolly Parton followers and all the country lads and lasses of the Grand Ole Opry identify with a southern, conservative message, and Mr Bush is their man, 61 per cent to 26 per cent.

The Duke — whose nickname may have confused a few devotees of a more celebrated namesake — won the rhythm-and-blues contest by 81 per cent to 13 per cent. Many of this traditionally black category are presumably themselves black. Mr Dukakis also did well among jazz lovers. They preferred his beat by 57 per cent to 25 per cent for Mr Bush. But the final category of music-lovers, rock-and-roll fans, surprisingly went for Mr Bush, 48-44.

Thatcher pledges to retain special relationship

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday pledged to work hard to maintain close relations with the next United States president, irrespective of the outcome of the presidential election on November 8.

In an interview with *The New York Times*, Mrs Thatcher said: "It is my purpose to see that the United States and the United Kingdom, which have a very special relationship, retain that."

She returned to her attack on a united

states of Europe, saying: "It is natural and worthy that you should be proud of your country, that you should identify with it. I think De Gaulle was right. He said, yes we will work together; Europe is a community of nations. And it is. Just let's be practical about it."

● BRUSSELS: The President of the European Commission, M Jacques Delors, responded defiantly yesterday to Mrs Thatcher's recent speeches on

European co-operation by reasserting the need for member states to cede more of their sovereignty to Community institutions (Michael Dynes writes).

Undaunted by her blistering attacks in Bruges and Luxembourg on his aspirations for European unity, he said that Community-wide social legislation and increased economic co-operation were vital if the benefits of economic integration were fully to be realized.

Science proves right bishops who claimed shroud a fake

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Editor

All the leaks and indications point to the same conclusion: the Vatican is about to announce the discrediting of the Shroud of Turin.

Carbon 14 tests performed by three independent laboratories appear to show beyond argument the garment dates not from the first century AD but from the Middle Ages; as evidence of the Resurrection of Christ it is worthless. So perhaps the atheists were right all along, and the Roman Catholic Church can console itself that it never made the mistake of guaranteeing the shroud's authenticity.

But right at the end of its career as "the most sacred object in Christendom", the shroud has vindicated two churches in particular, both bishops of Troyes, who denounced it as a trick when it first appeared. The second, Bishop Pierre d'Arcis, even named the guilty man.

The story of the shroud thus ends as a tribute to the integrity of these two obscure medieval ecclesiastics who refused to bow to popular superstition and who, 630 years later, deserve belated recognition.

Bishop d'Arcis sent an indignant report to Clement VII of Avignon in 1389, accusing an artist called Le Trouquer of producing a fraudulent relic purporting to be the burial cloth of Christ.

The shroud became an object of veneration thanks to the Dean of a collegiate college in Lirey, who saw a chance to make a fast franc by exploiting the late medieval passion for holy objects, miracles and inst-

● The armoury of modern science has been turned on this ●

ant religious ecstasy. This was the age of Chaucer's Pardoner.

The good bishop added the one objection which has always been the most telling Christian case against the shroud: "Many theologians and other wise men declared that this could not be the real shroud of Our Lord having the Saviour's likeness thus imprinted upon it, since the Holy Gospel made no mention of any such imprint while, if it had been true, it was quite unlikely that the holy Evangelists would have

omitted to record it..." Clearly it was the bishop's faith in the reliability of the Gospels which told him that the shroud could not be what it was said to be.

The controversy surrounding the shroud has always been about faith. It was in the late 19th century, when the dominance of science had begun to challenge the religious view of the world in popular culture, that the shroud was taken up as a proof "modern man" was looking for.

The excitement was increased when photography, then still one of the miracles of science, was first used to explore the mystery, revealing that the image of a corpse could be seen quite clearly when the shroud was viewed as a negative.

Since then, the whole armoury of modern science has been turned on this piece of old linen, culminating in the ultimate test, Carbon 14. The academic study even has its own name — sindonology, from the Greek *sindon*, fine cloth.

There have always been two sorts of sindonological sceptic, both of whom will now be feeling quietly satisfied.

The first group is made up of

those who reject in principle the claims of religion altogether, particularly anything magical or miraculous. Had the shroud been shown to be from the first century, they would by no means have surrendered their case, though it would have been dealt a heavy blow.

They would have said that if the shroud was not a 14th-century fake, then it was a first-century fake; or, if it were a real burial cloth, it could

● What sort of God would leave this sort of evidence? ●

have come from anywhere. Finally they might have fallen back on atheist dogma: God does not exist, ergo, the shroud cannot be genuine, regardless of the evidence.

The second group of sceptics, of which the two bishops of Troyes were the founder members, have doubted the authenticity of the shroud for theological reasons.

The scriptural case against it is a strong one, from the story of Christ's treatment of St Thomas, who demanded to be given proof that he

could see and touch, to St Paul's assertion that acceptance of the Resurrection was the result of faith.

The argument that the Gospels would have mentioned a surviving burial cloth, particularly one with all the signs of the Crucifixion on it, is also overwhelming, though hardly one an atheist would want to adopt.

What sort of God would leave this sort of evidence lying around, waiting for 20th-century science to be invented to prove it was genuine? It would be a God who shared modern man's conviction that science is the ultimate criterion of truth, and modern man's confidence that this is a special age, entitled to privileged aids to belief.

There would have been no point in God "creating" the shroud in the first place, or in ensuring that it survived 2,000 years, unless sooner or later it was to be vindicated.

This is an age corrupted by the images of Hollywood and by popular faith in the certainties of science, which likes its miracles just as much as did 14th-century French peasants, but which insists that they be authenticated in the laboratory before the cameras.

Howe joins the environment crusade

From James Bone, New York

Describing 1988 as a year of unprecedented natural disasters, the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, yesterday called for urgent international debate on the world climate.

"We are totally dependent on climate," he told the United Nations General Assembly. "Damage it beyond repair, and the earth becomes a lifeless desert, spinning in space. We cannot leave a problem of this magnitude to technical bodies."

Sir Geoffrey's speech signalled the increased concern shown recently by Britain and other nations at the UN about the environment.

He returned last week from a tour of Africa which included a visit to flood-ravaged Sudan, where the devastation had obviously made an impression on him.

"From South Asia, through Africa, to the Caribbean and even to the grain belt of America, we have seen destruction on a rarely equalled scale," he said.

"These immediate natural disasters are a poignant reminder of the need to tackle a longer-term but crucial issue for us all: the health of the planet as a whole."

In contrast to many of this year's speakers at the General Assembly, including President Reagan, Sir Geoffrey played down the recent successes of the world body in international peace-keeping.

While the international re-

sponse to natural disasters was universal and prompt, he said, "in the face of man-made disasters we have not so far been able to respond in such a united and effective way".

Although he praised the new spirit of co-operation among the five permanent members of the Security Council, he surveyed a range of unresolved problems, singling out Iraq, which has been accused of using chemical weapons against its Kurdish minority.

Deploing Baghdad's refusal to allow UN investigators into the country, Sir Geoffrey expressed concern at the spread of chemical weapons and supported a proposal by President Reagan for a conference to outlaw their use.

"The spread of chemical weapons is one of the most disturbing of recent developments. As more countries develop a chemical weapons capability, the risk of their increased use as an instrument of war and terror multiplies," he told the General Assembly.

While lauding the "new footing" of East-West relations, he emphasized that Britain looked for early progress in cutting the imbalances in conventional forces in Europe.

He also said that the time was now right to seek a settlement in Cambodia which would preclude a return of the Pol Pot regime, which had been responsible for the



Sir Geoffrey Howe making a point at a meeting in New York with the Indian Foreign Minister, Mr P.V. Narasimha Rao.

deaths of hundreds of thousands of people in the 1970s.

Sir Geoffrey also urged Angola to end its civil war, and South Africa to show respect for its neighbours.

Delivering a mild rebuke to Israel, he added that the need for an international con-

ference on the Middle East, involving the five permanent members, was "more vital than ever."

Sir Geoffrey also called for improved international measures against terrorists and hijackers.

● LONDON: Mrs Thatcher's

speech on Tuesday on the necessity of protecting the environment was received warmly throughout Europe yesterday.

Many countries expressed the hope that the Prime Minister's words would be translated as soon as possible

into deeds (Anne McElvoy writes).

Professor Michael Scoullios, president of the EEC Environmental Bureau, said that he "welcomed Mrs Thatcher into the fold" and was pleased that she proposed stricter standards in industry.

Joint brigade approaches a cash minefield

From Richard Owen, Bonn

In what Chancellor Helmut Kohl describes as an historic first, troops of the 4,000-strong joint Franco-German brigade arrive on Saturday at their new base in Böblingen, near Stuttgart.

The Greens and the German peace movement are planning protest demonstrations, on the ground that the brigade, which is armed with 155mm artillery and light tanks, constitutes the kernel of a future European Army. Some at the other end of the spectrum hope that this will indeed be the final outcome.

But a third school of thought, held by most officials in Bonn, is that the joint brigade, which was agreed in principle by Herr Kohl and President Mitterrand in November, is a modest symbol of the continuing vitality of the Paris-Bonn axis in spite of Franco-German tensions on other fronts, and notably in monetary affairs.

The defence and economic co-operation treaty signed in January, on the 25th anniversary of the original Franco-German Treaty, is due to be ratified in both Paris and Bonn by the end of the year.

But it has run into trouble over the economic rather than military part of the deal, and the German view is that the French are at fault for overreacting. "They have yet to learn to take into account German sensitivities," one official in Bonn said.

Bonn is considering French calls for West Germany to contribute more to European economic growth as a whole. But the Germans are impatient with French "hysterical" reactions every time the Bundesbank, the powerful Federal Bank, lowers or raises its interest rates.

The Bundesbank wants a preamble in the new treaty stating clearly that co-operation with France in the joint Finance Council does not impair the bank's independence or its right to maintain the stability of the Deutschmark.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister,

regards this as a "minor matter" which can be sorted out through friendly negotiation and a judicious choice of words in the treaty.

Nonetheless, this issue is one that raises basic questions about Germany's place in Europe, and about the historical reasons behind German motives. "Paris must understand that our preoccupation with monetary stability goes very deep, right back to the collapse of the Weimar Republic," one Foreign Ministry official said.

Mrs Thatcher's remarks this month expressing strong doubts about the abolition of EEC internal frontiers in 1992 have reinforced feelings here that the Franco-German axis, which provided the impetus for post-war European integration, is still the motor of change in the EEC (even though Continental officials in private often share Mrs Thatcher's doubts about controlling crime and drugs).

But defence officials acknowledge that if the "minor matter" of difficulties on the monetary front is not resolved, and the treaty is not ratified, this could have an adverse effect on the overall relationship and hence on Franco-German military co-operation.

Nonetheless the joint brigade, coming after huge Franco-German manoeuvres in Bavaria last year, is seen in Bonn as a welcome sign that France is committed to the forward defence of West Germany.

The real problems come in the long run, over the relationship of the brigade to Nato (France remains outside the military structure), and over Bonn's concern about the Hades, the missile programme which will modernize French short-range nuclear forces.

After M Mitterrand's acknowledgement of German concern in his speech at Aachen last year, Bonn is encouraged by recent implications that France may postpone Hades development for three years, until after the next West German elections in 1991.

France shrugs off nagging doubts

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

A senior Elysée Palace official was asked the other day if there were any serious difficulties about the establishment of the joint army brigade intended to become the symbol of Franco-German military co-operation. "Not on our side," he replied, before conceding that the timetable had slipped a bit.

As far as France is concerned, it is simply a matter of agreeing the small print of the treaty that will place 2,000 men from a couple of armoured regiments in barracks at Böblingen, south of Stuttgart.

Once that is completed, the official indicated, there would be no trouble in getting the National Assembly to ratify the treaty. The only remaining problems involving the joint brigade, he suggested, are in West Germany and even these are seen by Paris as being decidedly minor.

Behind this breezy assessment, however, a nagging doubt persists here about the progress of what is officially known as the Franco-German Defence Council.

There is concern that protracted wrangling in Bonn over the precise nature of the Joint Finance Council set up alongside the military agreement could delay progress of the "package" through the Bundestag until next spring. The original, possibly unrealistic, aim was for ratification on both sides this autumn.

While both sides have always accepted that the mixed unit has very little strategic significance - the air-mobile brigade to be detached from France's Rapid Action Force clearly lacks the heavy weaponry required to engage Warsaw Pact forces - other aspects of this alliance between ancient enemies are considered of considerably greater long-term interest.

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Sea becomes Falklands Klondike

Port Stanley soon free of need for British cash aid

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Making their way through the lobby of one of London's smarter hotels yesterday, two senior Falkland Islands officials spotted a familiar figure half hidden behind a newspaper. Later, in the restaurant, they noticed more familiar faces behind menus.

The warty expressions worn by the officials told half the story: what should have been a mundane exercise in selling licences to fish around the Falklands has developed into a maritime Klondike, with 150 international fishing companies expected to make bids for three times as many licences as the islands dare to sell, for fear of over-fishing.

By tonight the talks will be over, and the Falklands Government will begin choosing the winners and losers. A huge increase in licence revenue is expected, bringing the islands close to self-sufficiency except in defence.

The wealth of the Falklands' seas is turning a once-forgotten colony of sheep farmers into the new rich of the South Atlantic. The Falklands Government, which had a total revenue of £6 million in 1985/86, will this year earn nearly six times as much — almost £18,000 for each of the 1,919 inhabitants counted in the 1986 census.

About half of the revenue will be spent in Britain, going on contracts for road repairs, water works, a new telephone system, a secondary school, new houses and a British-run fisheries management scheme.

At the same time, the islands are weaning them-

selves away from British aid. When the last tranche of the £31 million promised after the 1982 war has been used, the islanders hope to avoid asking for more. The aim is to be self-dependent within 18 months, but political independence is still mentioned only as a joke.

A nation the size of Northern Ireland, and populated by fewer than 800 people if Port Stanley is excluded, will remain dependent on defence by Britain for the foreseeable future. Last year, the garrison cost British taxpayers £234 million while a gradual write-down of the costs of the war accounted for a further £168 million.

"Sometimes I think they lie

But Mr John Cheek, a fifth-generation islander and a prominent councillor, pointed out that if things were that bad, there would not be such a clamour for licences.

There has even been a veiled attempt at an ecological take-over. An organization called Europeche, representing the fishing interests of the Common Market, passed a resolution saying that Europe should have priority for licences. It got short shrift. The only priority is reserved for the British, and even they have to be handled with caution.

It has taken the the Falklanders a little more than a year to discover that British-

buying second-hand trawlers, converting them and paying British crews to man them.

That 51 per cent stake remains paper money, because the companies are not yet big earners. One, indeed, is now in liquidation, leaving the Falkland Islands Government to repay a £2-million unsecured loan.

The indignant islanders have stopped the joint-venture payments from the end of this year, and have made the vital licences much more expensive.

The effect of this will be to boost the budget from £27.1 million in 1987/88 to £34.5 million in 1988/89.

They have also dropped elaborate schemes to dredge Port Stanley harbour and create on-shore bunkering, fish-freezing and ship-repair industries. Instead, they will put the money in the bank, building up reserves at about £8 million a year.

Two big British fishing firms remain involved in joint-venture companies and are fishing. The change in arrangements is likely to be a big setback for them, but when they expressed anxiety the islanders saw it as special pleading.

"The British (companies) have been used to working with subsidies, and I suspect they will try to get subsidies from the Falkland Islands Government," Mr Cheek said.

"Of course we want to help the British, but I don't think it should extend to operating subsidies. It is the wrong way to run a fishery."

● Sometimes I think the international companies who want to fish our seas lie in wait to jump out and offer us money ●

in wait to jump out and offer us money," Mr Alastair Cameron, the Falklands official all the fishing "fat cats" want to impress, remarked over breakfast. It was a jest, but one which revealed the pressures of success.

The canny islanders are having to develop the scepticism of an unmarried heiress. Fishermen, like farmers, are always pleading poverty, and their arguments sound plausible. Although there were huge catches of haddock this year, the world price fell through the floor. At the same time, catches of the even more valuable lillig squid were exceptionally poor.

inspired arrangements hastily set up in 1987 were, as Mr Cameron put it, "not necessarily in the islanders' best interests". A less diplomatic person might have said that the islanders were ripped off.

The problems arose from a scheme under which licence fees were kept fairly low, but the licencees had to pay an equal sum into one of many joint-venture companies, each 51 per cent owned by a Falklands government company and 49 per cent by foreign companies.

This was meant to give the islands a stake in their own industry, but much of the money was spent in Britain on

Australia says it with flowers



The Duke and Duchess of York, accompanied by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, and his wife, Hazel, being greeted by children with flowers in Canberra yesterday.

Five days after the Duchess of York arrived in Australia the welcome was made official yesterday, when the royal tour got under way (Christopher Morris writes). Since her arrival in Sydney on Friday, the Duchess has been relaxing quietly, recovering from jetlag and acquiring a sun tan. She was reunited with the Duke of York on Sunday, when he left his ship, the HMS Edinburgh.

They left Sydney yesterday for Canberra, where they began the seventh visit this year by members of the royal family who have made a special effort to attend Australia's 200th birthday celebrations. They have included the

Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Royal and the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

Yesterday the Duke laid a wreath at the National War Memorial and the couple also visited the war museum, where they inspected the wreck of a Japanese midget submarine sunk during a raid on Sydney 40 years ago.

The absence of Princess Beatrice was a disappointment to the crowds who turned out to welcome her parents, and the Duchess responded with: "She's fine. She's smiling now — and she's getting bigger every day."

The highlight of the tour will be on Saturday, when the Duke takes the salute at the bicentenary sail-past in Sydney harbour. More than 50 warships from 16 nations are to take part, including the carrier Ark Royal.

Terrorist suspect detained by Swiss

Bern (AP) — The Swiss Federal Prosecutor's Office said yesterday that a suspected Red Brigades terrorist, arrested carrying a pistol and ammunition in Basel last week, was still in Swiss custody.

Italian authorities have not requested the extradition of Antonio De Luca, aged 28, who was arrested last Thursday after living in hiding in Paris, according to a spokesman for the office.

Going home

Copenhagen (AFP) — Denmark plans to give air tickets home and cash to 10,000 Iranian and Tamil refugees who have been in the country for less than two years.

Maid ban over

Manila (AFP) — A ban imposed by President Aquino on Filipinas working as maids in six countries, including Britain — imposed in March after reports of mistreatment — is to be lifted.

Deadly fungus

Munich (Reuters) — More than two years after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, wild mushrooms have been found to contain almost three times the average radiation level.

Mafia killing

Palermo (AP) — A Mafia leader, Giovanni Bontade, and his wife were shot dead when gunmen burst into their Sicilian villa.

Aid appeal

Nairobi (Reuters) — Rwanda appealed for aid for some 63,000 refugees who have fled tribal killings in the neighbouring state of Burundi.

Rebel attacks force Soviet pull-out delay

By Our Foreign Staff

Afghan rebels fired about 20 rockets into Kabul yesterday, and one exploded near a bus stop, killing 35 people and wounding more than 150, according to Tass. The agency denounced the attack, the most deadly staged by rebels in the capital, as a crime against the Afghan people.

Attacks on urban centres in Afghanistan have been on the increase since the Kremlin began withdrawing more than 100,000 troops from the country in May.

On Tuesday, the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, told journalists at the United Nations that the withdrawal had been suspended because of persistent violations of the Geneva accords.

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, meanwhile urged the United States and Pakistan to "come to their senses" and to stop arming guerrillas fighting the communist Afghan Government.

In remarks reported by Tass, Mr Gorbachev said that Pakistan was trying to install

colleagues in Afghanistan, said in Delhi yesterday that Afghan sources report that the Soviet leadership has decided on mid-November to start the second phase of withdrawal.

The diplomats also report widespread speculation that President Najibullah may be about to be replaced after the recent high-profile visit of Dr Mohammad Hassan Sharif, the Prime Minister, to Moscow for talks with Mr Gorbachev.

In one detailed account, a diplomat described attempts by Soviet units last week to secure what they describe as vital ground around Kabul airport in preparation for further withdrawals. Troops who moved south-east out of the capital towards Logar province had now strengthened positions on the perimeter road around the airport.

"These moves suggest that the Soviet Union is seeking to secure the airport for the final pull-out," the diplomat commented, adding that control would prevent guerrillas from launching further rocket attacks at close range.

American predictions that once half the Soviet troops had left the rest would be forced to follow quickly amid increasing chaos seem to have been proved inaccurate. The Americans predicted confidently earlier this year that the entire force, estimated at 115,000 troops, would be out by the end of November.

But despite widespread fighting in the past week, diplomats convey the impression that the regime and the remaining Soviet troops are not under acute pressure.

One exception is the southern city of Kandahar, where Afghan army units are fighting to hold out against continuous attacks by the guerrillas.

The city has been cut off by air since September 18, according to the diplomats, who quote Afghan sources as saying that the last planes out were three transport aircraft bound for Kabul, "with cargoes of bodies".

The city's inhabitants are facing food shortages as a result of the blockade.

Other centres, however, remain relatively secure, including Paghman, which the Mujahidin claimed to have occupied briefly 10 days ago, and Herat in the north-west.

The effectiveness of Dr Sharif's reception by Mr Gorbachev, plus scanty mention of President Najibullah, is said to have prompted widespread speculation that Dr Najibullah's days as President may be numbered.

The diplomats say that the Moscow talks, described as forthright, tended to emphasize a dilution of the role of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, with which Dr Najibullah is associated, and an increasing preference in Moscow for a more broad-based, non-party regime, which might prove attractive to the resistance.

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Separate worlds, same ideas



PAST WORLDS
Part 3

How did architects in the ancient sealed settlements of central America come to design and build pyramids remarkably similar to those constructed centuries earlier on the other side of the world? George Hill traces the internal and external forces that drew mankind along separate yet common paths of development

It may be true that nothing is inevitable except death and taxes. Archaeology tends to suggest that the list is longer. Human history unfolded for scores of generations in several widely-separated centres, with so little contact between them that they might almost have been on separate planets. In these conditions, the first great civilizations flowered, and in some cases faded away again.

The differences between the cultures of Egypt, Asia Minor, the Indus, China and the Americas, and the limited and intermittent contacts that existed between some of them, are among the most intriguing and mysterious objects of all research into the past. But the similarities are even more striking, and speak strongly of the common characteristics of mankind. Taxes and death (or the urge to cherish the dead), war and subjugation, worship and grammar, woven textiles, fired pottery and ball games — they all appear in such widely-separated cultures that it is tempting to suppose that some deep impulse draws men towards them.

Or it may be that they are forced to them by external circumstances. The case of the pyramid is one of the best-known examples of convergence of this kind. The formula of a huge artificial mountain rationalized to a strictly geometrical form appeared first in Egypt and in Mesopotamia soon after the first real civilizations emerged there. The two cultures took shape separately in the 4th century BC. They were almost 1,000 miles apart, and although trade routes existed between them quite early, the pyramid-form may well have appeared independently in both.

The first Egyptian pyramid, which was formed in steps and therefore looked more like a ziggurat than the later smooth-sided versions, certainly bears in its internal construction all the marks of those changes in plan which art historians call

"pentimenti", and regard as evidence that a painting is original work.

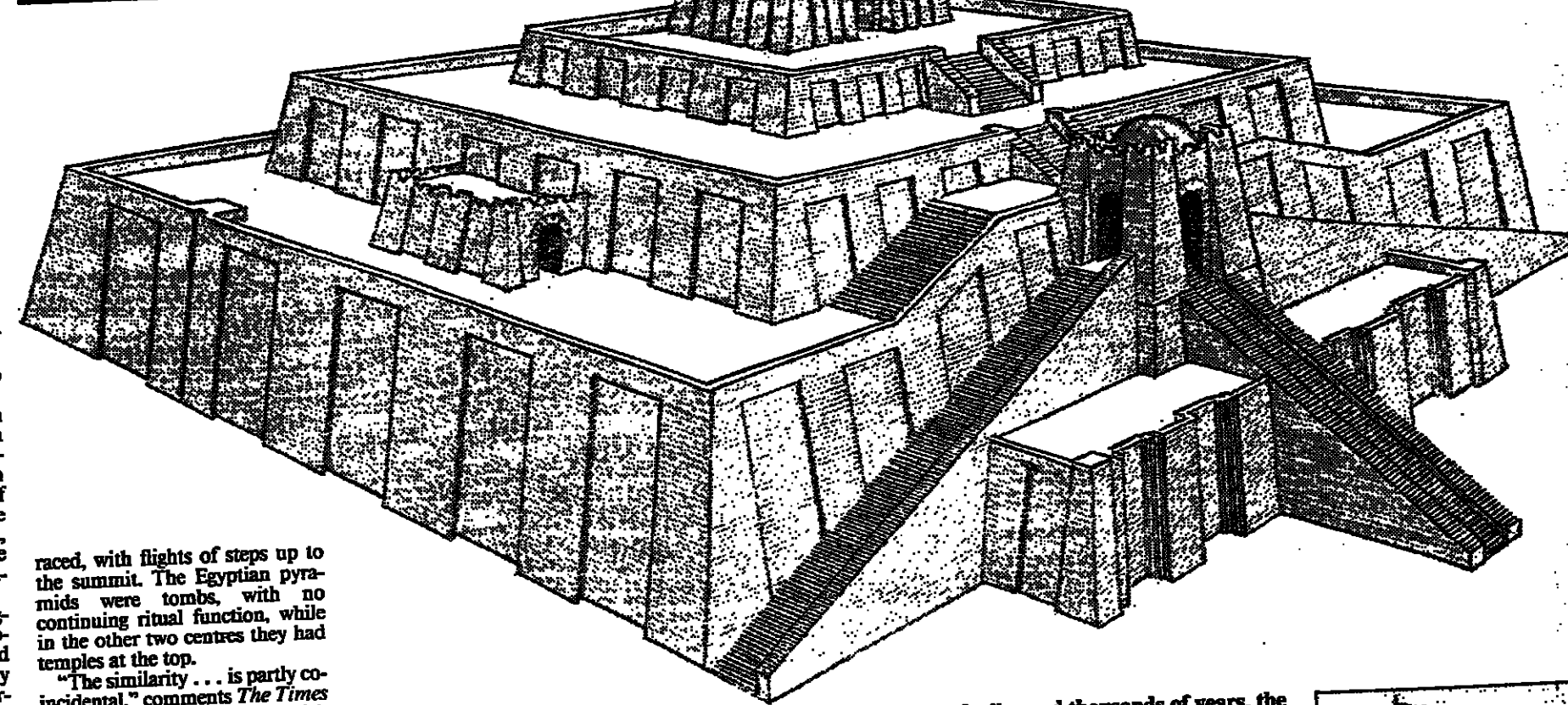
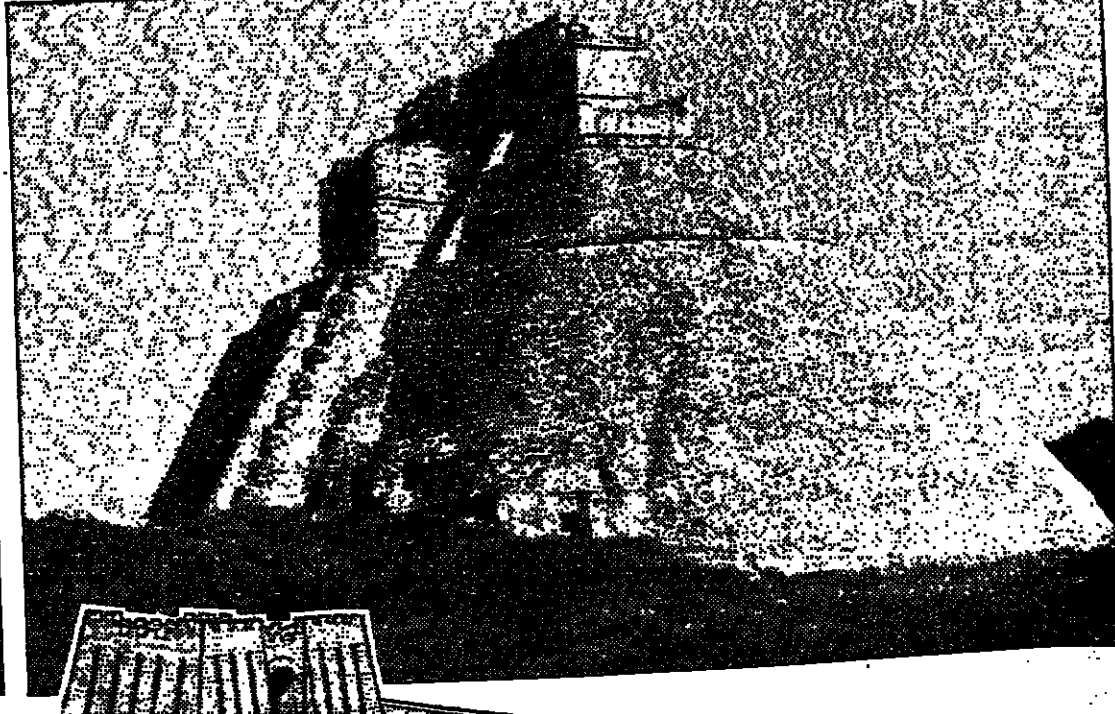
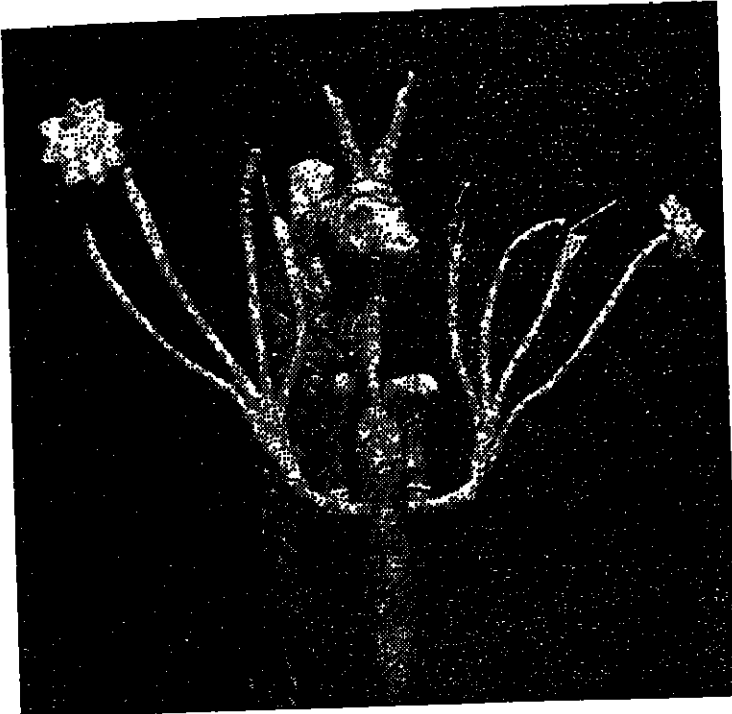
The architect Imhotep — certainly the first great monumental architect in the world — initially built a conventional "mastaba" tomb for the pharaoh he served. It was shaped like a square of chocolate, with sloping walls. But Imhotep had placed it inside a great walled palace enclosure, and found that the tomb did not show above the walls. So he raised what was effectively a series of four mastabas, one on top of the other. Later he expanded the base to support not four layers, but six.

The city of Ur may have had a ziggurat from its early days, in about 4,500 BC, though the structure took its final form only when the city was rebuilt at the height of its power 2,500 years later. Unlike the masonry pyramids of Egypt, the Mesopotamian ziggurats were built of earth faced with mud-bricks.

The people who built the ziggurat were ruled, like the Egyptians, by a royal family who lived in the kind of luxury that only became possible in a highly organized, hierarchical society. The famous "ram in a thicket", carved from wood covered with gold and precious stones, and the dainty rein-ring from a sledge, are examples of the standard of craftsmanship attained in Ur.

Whether or not the Mesopotamians developed the form independently, there is no doubt that the Central Americans did. There is hardly any possibility of contact between them and the Old World, but the pyramidal structures they raised centuries later in many centres are so similar that some fantasists have insisted that flying saucers must have carried the blueprints across the Atlantic.

The American pyramids, the first of which were built before 300 BC and the last more than 1,000 years later, resemble ziggurats even more closely than they do pyramids, both in form and function. Most of them are ter-



aced, with flights of steps up to the summit. The Egyptian pyramids were tombs, with no continuing ritual function, while in the other two centres they had temples at the top.

"The similarity... is partly coincidental," comments *The Times Atlas of Archaeology*, from which these illustrations are taken. "But it nevertheless demonstrates the importance of certain common requirements in the design, function and symbolism of monumental ritual structures... The tapering pyramid shape reduced the risk of collapse and at the same time enhanced the impression of height. Height had a strong symbolic significance."

The form also spoke of privilege. The priests stood in the sky, closer to the gods, while the common people remained below. The structure's bulk tacitly expressed the fact that someone had the power to compel huge numbers of others to labour over the monument. Work on the Great Pyramid of Cheops or Khufu must have been carried out in the four-month period each

year when the Nile was in flood and farmers were idle. Its masonry blocks weigh an average of 2.5 tonnes.

"It can be estimated that over the 23 years of Khufu's reign 1,100 blocks would have to be quarried, transported and erected in each working day in order to complete the pyramid in time for Khufu's burial," the *Atlas* says. After Khufu's time, a series of feeble Nile floods reduced Egypt's prosperity, and, therefore, the dominance of its kings. More modest forms of burial became customary, and tomb-robbing had probably riddled all the pyramids within 500 years of Khufu's death.

The imperatives of a certain form of autocratic society, preoccupied with ritual and display, tended to produce uncannily similar results in their buildings. The pyramid-form itself was not stamped into man's subconscious, but the tendency to form societies which found similar solutions to similar problems must have been.

Like separate worlds, the first great civilizations rose and developed with only tenuous contacts between them, even though the appetite for rich and strange objects led them to exchange amber, ivory, gold and silk over immense distances at an early stage. In the fertile valleys of major rivers such as the Nile, the Euphrates, the Indus and the Yellow River, and in the Americas, organized settled societies took shape, and produced superb works of art and architecture which are immensely diverse, yet constantly express the same basic imperatives.

Sometimes it did not happen.

Separated by thousands of miles and thousands of years, the pyramid-style buildings of the Middle East and the Americas are uncannily alike. The great Ziggurat of Ur in Mesopotamia (centre) was rebuilt in its present form in 2,100 BC, but must first have been built long before. The Mayan temple at Uxmal in Yucatan (upper right) dates from 600-900 AD, and is a late example of a form used in the Americas for a millennium, and by a number of different cultures. Both structures resemble the pyramids of Egypt, the first of which was built in 2,650 BC. Convergences of this kind, where direct contact is unlikely, are among the most intriguing mysteries of archaeology. Millions of man-hours of labour are embodied in such structures, expressing the high organization of the societies that built them, and the power of their kings and priests. Ur's wealth and the skills of its craftsmen also produced ornate work such as the silver and gold rein-ring (bottom right) and the "ram in a thicket" (upper left). The latter had a silver belly, gold legs and a fleece of shell and lapis lazuli attached with bitumen to a wooden body. It is one of a pair, found in a royal tomb of about 2,500 BC, which may have served as supports for a table.

Some highly developed civilizations in the Americas never stumbled on the art of writing, and some never discovered the wheel (possibly, though, that implies only that in the high Andes, the wheel may never have looked very useful).

As they applied their ingenuity to the physical world, people repeatedly hit on solutions which were fundamentally the same as those being found thousands of miles away. The first technique of metalworking — using heat to separate the metal from the ore — seems to have been made separately in western Asia and south-eastern Europe, and in the Far East. The art of making pottery waterproof by firing it was invented independently in several other centres at later periods. The same is true of weaving fabric, and

of many of the basic skills of agriculture.

And the most characteristic invention of civilized man, the art of writing, took shape independently at least three times, and probably more, among peoples in the near East, China and America. Their ancestors had gone separate ways since the early Stone Age. In some sense, paleolithic men must already have had writing potentially in them, to pass the faculty on to their widely-separated descendants.

As time passed, the primary civilizations reached out under the same impulses which had caused prehistoric man to colonize the habitable world. Their mutual contacts and influences increased — sometimes peacefully, sometimes with great violence. The last high civilization to exist hermetically sealed off from the others



was that of the Americas, and the confrontation between it and the first interlopers from the European world, in the 16th century, was so shattering that the cultures which had grown up in isolation for nearly 20,000 years virtually disintegrated in a generation.

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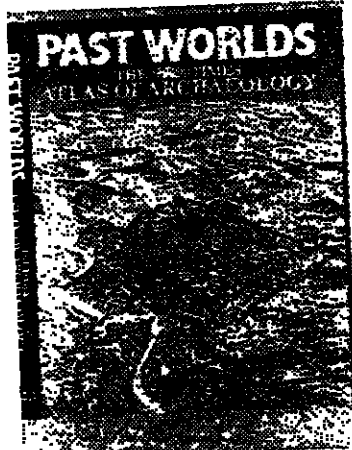
To coincide with the publication of *Past Worlds*, *The Times Atlas of Archaeology*, Times Books are inviting readers of *The Times* to enter a competition which has as its first prize a copy of *The Vatican Frescoes of Michelangelo*, a limited edition, priced at £2,500. This edition is the only record of the frescoes as they were prior to their restoration and many of its 350 colour plates are full-size reproductions. Twelve runners-up will be awarded copies of *Past Worlds*, published today at £29.50.

Two of the eight questions which must be answered for entry into the competition are

printed below, and the remaining two will be printed tomorrow (the other questions appeared on Tuesday and yesterday). On Friday, September 30, we will be printing full details of entry and the entry coupon.

1. Which Queen was buried along with a serving-maid, whose fingers were found still resting on the strings of a harp decorated with a carved bull's head?

2. Where did people cultivate bracken for food, and bury their dead with large water-bottles made out of birds' eggs?



Bad case of overbidding?

artfile

A weekly look at the art world

Sarah Jane Checkland

Olympia antiques fair, opening in London on October 15, says "four in 10 Britons are keen to spend more money on antiques". Many "heritage" items are sold direct to museums through new private treaty sale arrangements by the government.

The big two have displayed splendid initiative by replacing quality with cult. During the past year, large profits have been made at Sotheby's from Andy Warhol's cookie jars, which had been gathering dust upon his shelves until his death. Christie's sold Liberace's kitsch pianos, full-size and miniature, to the

glitterati of California. But were there the first signs of a chill at the Elton John sale last month, when the four selling rooms were half full? Apart from the stage costumes, the star factor had little effect.

So far this season, no cult collections have been announced, although \$1 million worth of Andy Warhol's jewellery has been discovered, literally in his bottom drawer. There has been no sign of Bogie's pyjamas or Sid Vicious's safety pins — although other celebrity collectors (among them Mick Jagger, Rod Stewart and Andrew Lloyd-Webber) do exist.

Despite these forebodings, the season began this week with impressive results for both auction houses (Christie's for its Lyceum country house sale, Sotheby's for its auction of the British Rail Pension Fund collection of manuscripts and books).

Sotheby's and Christie's are now flaunting their big trophies of the season, and many are superb. Christie's is offering Picasso's *Acrobate et jeune Arlequin*, saying it is "ex-

pected to become the most expensive 20th-century work of art at auction" at up to £10 million. Sotheby's is countering with Cézanne's *Arlequin* at £3 to £4 million, and more are to be revealed next week.

Among the Old Masters are a portrait of a gentleman by the 17th-century Dutch artist Frans Hals, offered by Sotheby's at £600,000 to £800,000 and a rare, early painting of *Mount Sinai* by El Greco (£500,000 to £700,000), as well as "the best sale ever" of British paintings, with "several" Gainsboroughs, a Van Dyck portrait, as well as a Sir Thomas Lawrence. Over at Christie's are two Canalettos (estimate £500,000), and the Neuberger collection of Modern prints, as well as more artefacts from the outstanding Surrealist collection of the late Edward James, the eccentric millionaire.

But scorn has been directed towards Christie's sale of furniture, pictures and prints "surplus to requirement" from Harewood House. "In the old days they would be put in a house clearance sale or even a dustbin," said one specialist.

As inflation creeps towards 6 per cent, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer raises interest rates in an attempt to quell our spending, could it be that, in this country at least, buyers will start to put on the brakes?

SCIENCE REPORT Daring approach to viruses

Diseases caused by viral infections are hard to treat. Viruses proliferate by commandeering the reproductive ability of the body's own cells, making it difficult to find ways of damaging the virus without damaging the patient. But in today's *Nature*, a group of American biologists suggests a daring way to defeat viruses by genetically engineering immunity into cells, rendering them invulnerable to attack.

So far, the strategy that Steven McKnight and his colleagues outline has been demonstrated only on viral infections of the cells of mice grown in laboratory glassware, and would, if applied to humans, demand an elaborate procedure involving bone-marrow transplantation. It could be contemplated only for grave infections, but, as McKnight points out, one of these might be Aids.

McKnight, with his colleagues Alan Friedman and Steven Triesenberg, has been testing his ideas at the Carnegie Institution of Washington on the virus that causes herpes simplex.

When the herpes virus in-

fects a cell, it produces a protein known as viral protein 16 or VP16. This plays an essential part in fooling the infected cell into using the genetic instructions of the virus instead of its own, so that it manufactures more viruses instead of reproducing itself. McKnight and his collaborators have come up with an ingenious procedure that forarms the cell and makes VP16 ineffective.

In its role as a deceitful messenger between virus and cell, VP16 attaches itself to cell, VP16 attaches itself to the genes of the herpes virus and hooks them up to the machinery of the cell, which then reads the herpes genes and starts making viruses. Triesenberg and McKnight, with others, recently discovered that VP16, a large complex molecule, has two different sections that perform these two different functions.

The researchers used genetic engineering techniques to produce a mutant form of VP16 that clings to the viral genes but is unable to get them into the cell's reproductive machinery. When they inserted the mutant protein into

laboratory-grown mouse cells and added the herpes virus, a high proportion of them resisted infection.

They believe the mutant protein blocks the proliferation of the virus by preventing normal VP16 from attaching to the viral genes. To check that they were not simply damaging the cells in a general way, they showed that the cells grew at a normal rate and could be successfully infected with a closely-related but different virus.

Commenting in *Nature* on the potential of this research as a practical strategy against viral infections, the American Nobel prize-winner David Baltimore says he believes that "this type of procedure has a real chance of success", although he concedes that "the obstacles are formidable". Among these obstacles is the need to find a suitable viral protein and to insert it into the cells of the patient so that it is efficiently produced. A limitation is that the strategy will only work for cells that can be removed from the body, equipped with the mutant protein, and then replaced.

One of the few tissues for which this is possible is bone marrow, which produces all the cells in the blood. Bone marrow transplantation is an established clinical weapon against diseases such as leukaemia and severe anaemia, although it has not been used with genetically engineered cells.

Some recent attempts to combine bone-marrow transplantation with gene therapy have thrown up many difficulties. One problem that has proved hard to overcome is to prevent the engineered cells in the bone marrow being outnumbered and eventually overrun by unengineered cells.

Should this strategy prove feasible, however, the human immunodeficiency virus which causes Aids would be a strong candidate for the first clinical trials. Its principal target is the blood cells that derive from the bone marrow and, perhaps more important, the consequences of infection are serious enough to justify heroic measures to prevent it.

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SPECTRUM

A mission to communicate

It is a measure of the parochialism of the English that they paid little attention to the leading Protestant churchman until this summer. Then suddenly he was being spoken of in London as a future Archbishop of Canterbury, just as he was being promoted into the front line as an ecclesiastical trouble-shooter. The Prime Minister, it is said, has her eye on him.

But the Primate of All Ireland and Archbishop of Armagh, Dr Robert (Robin) Eames, is already a key figure in the convoluted and agonizing life of his native land. There he is becoming something like the one-eyed man in the kingdom of the blind, in the unique position of being respected and listened to by both Margaret Thatcher and by Charles Haughey.

It would be sad to see him plucked from there merely to raise the tone of the otherwise unexciting line-up of possible successors to Dr Robert Runcie. Northern Ireland needs a good leader even more than the Church of England does, particularly one with connections like these.

For the moment he is fully briefed on both, trying to weave Anglicanism out of the scrum that has developed over women priests and bishops, and trying to steer the Irish towards the calmer waters of peace and reconciliation. He was a lawyer by training, and rugby and sailing are his sports.

The suspicion that his destiny might be leading him towards Anglicanism's primary role seems to be based on the glowing opinion they have of him at 10 Downing Street, where leading Anglican clergymen are not usually spoken of in terms of admiration, and where the ecclesiastically minded are already browsing through the field against the day that the present incumbent of Lambeth Palace, Dr Runcie, has had enough.

Dr Runcie says his diary is full for the rest of this year and all of the next, which is another way of saying his successor is not going to be the currently obvious man, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, who, at 63, would be just about too old by 1990. Senior churchmen are well aware of how much they can influence their succession simply by the date on which they choose to retire.

On the other hand, Robin Eames (as he prefers to be known) is still only 51. Dr Runcie likes him a lot, and gave him a key job at the Lambeth Conference. Afterwards he respected his judgement enough to ask him to handle the hottest potato in Christendom at the moment: the international Anglican crisis over women bishops.

THE TIMES PROFILE

THE MOST REV ROBERT EAMES

Eames, if he makes a good fist of it, will be a hero throughout the Anglican Communion, in which case, if the next Archbishop of Canterbury is not going to be English, he will be an Ulsterman.

It could end in tears, however, which would be Ulster's gain. For Eames is now beginning to provide the sort of moderating statesmanship — rising above party and almost above politics — for which the province has been crying out for more than a generation.

The bitter in-fighting of Anglican church politics would seem like a holiday to a man who helped families put their loved-ones' names to bits of mangled bodies round the Enniskillen memorial last November. Even for a man who had already written a book on suffering, it was one of his most severe tests. And this week he buried his 54th victim of the troubles, a young man from a local church family shot by the IRA.

In an interview with *The Times* this week, he said he was now bent on persuading the present Unionist leadership in Northern Ireland that they were standing on the brink of an abyss. There just had to be movement. Someone had to introduce someone to someone, for the sort of conversation that has never happened in Ireland before; and Eames is that first someone, an opener of doors.

He knows Margaret Thatcher fairly well, he knows Charles Haughey even better; he knows the chief constable, the cardinal, the Orange lodges, the SDLP, and even some names better not mentioned. Almost everyone likes him. He does not know Ian Paisley, who has called him "politically naive", but people in England forget that Presbyterians and the Church of Ireland are the Sunni and Shia of Protestantism, and are only on the same side in Northern Ireland by historical accident.

Eames describes himself as a catalyst rather than a leader of opinion. He explains people to each other, explains the Catholics to the Protestants and vice versa, explains Unionism to Dublin, explains the Anglo-Irish Agreement to the Unionists, Unionist objections to the British Government. He will not even talk about who he has been connecting to whom most re-

cently, for the story is still too hot. But if the Irish problem can be solved by introductions, he is the man to do it.

He is said to be gifted with a particular sensitivity, the ability to pick up what people are really trying to say behind their words. And it is no surprise that his recipe for bringing the Anglican Communion through its present crisis includes "more communication".

But it is hard to pin him down with an opinion of his own, even to define who he is. Is he an Irishman? There was a long pause, so long that he broke the silence by remarking on it, wondering why such a question should be so difficult. "I am an Ulsterman," he eventually said, admitting that was no answer. In fact Eames comes from a Dublin Protestant family, more Methodist than Anglican until his father changed, and he presides over a church that has refused to accept the Irish border in its own affairs, while staunchly in favour of it politically.

Eames senses a vocation ahead for the Church of Ireland, as a *via media* in Irish affairs, using to best advantage its composite character as a church which is, in theory, both Catholic and Protestant, from north and south. He has never expressed an opinion on long-term reunification, "and I never will", he adds, and he calls himself an agnostic on the Anglo-Irish Agreement (though not on the need for long-term reconciliation). But he also says he can see the agreement's faults and prefers to regard it as a step to something else.

It happens to be the sort of approach that gives the least offence to as many factions as possible, and seems to be the sort of thing Mrs Thatcher is ready to listen to as well; and in Eames's case it also happens to be what he really thinks. Critical new moves, about which he knows much more than he is prepared to say, are to be revealed in November, he said, and both governments have to recognize some of the lessons of the past. "I am encouraged to believe that will happen."

He admits, too, that the Protestant record in Ireland is somewhat less than glorious, and that for years they never gave a thought to the troubles they were storing up for the future. There is a specially productive relationship open-

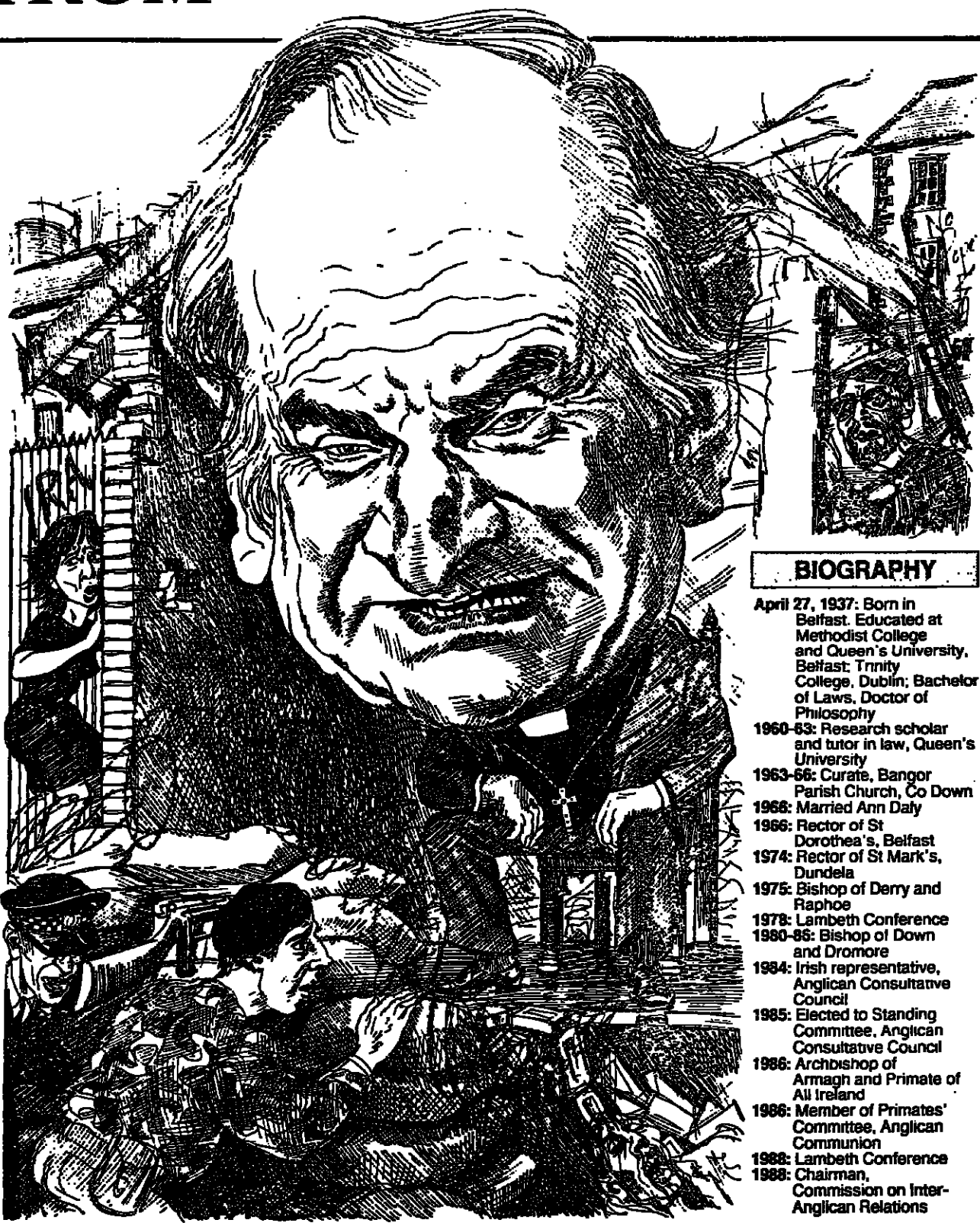
ing up between him and the Roman Catholic bishop in Belfast, Mgr Cahal Daly, who is himself one of the best things to have happened to Northern Ireland for a long time.

Yet, for all this, Eames has not changed sides, for he insists "there is legitimacy in the Protestant case. Many Protestants feel their case has not been fairly understood, and this is part of their frustration. People are inclined, worldwide, to give the impression that they see only the Nationalist side. There is legitimacy in the Protestant case..." But it was characteristic of him to add, after further thought, "... just as there is legitimacy in the Nationalist case".

He is an orthodox man in doctrine, conservative in worship and good with people — particularly children and clergymen. People open up to him; he knows how to listen. He also has that vital ingredient of modern churchmanship: a pleasing television manner.

There is almost no staff with the job, just a part-time secretary or two, and he works until the small hours and rises early. If he has a weakness it is in formal theology, although it has yet to be demonstrated that theology, at least in Northern Ireland, is part of the solution rather than part of the problem.

Clifford Longley



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1975: Bishop of Derry and Raphoe.
1978: Lambeth Conference.
1980-86: Bishop of Down and Dromore.
1984: Irish representative, Anglican Consultative Council.
1985: Elected to Standing Committee, Anglican Consultative Council.
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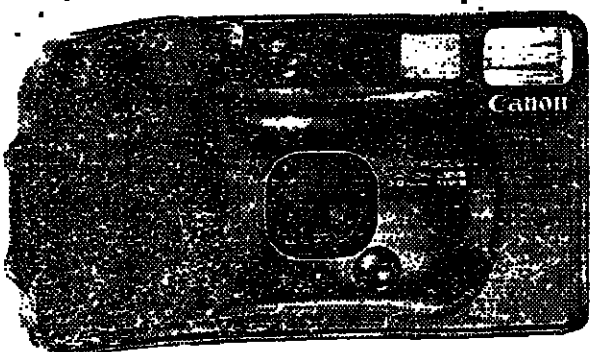
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HEALTH

When women wake to a problem

Can a morning-after pill ever be considered an advance in birth control? Ann Kent reports on the reality of the after-thought option

It is Monday morning in the doctor's waiting room. Bored patients flick through ancient magazines, while a receptionist speaks to an unseen caller.

"I am afraid I can't fit you in with Dr Brown until Thursday morning. That's too late? Well, what kind of emergency is it?" All the pages stop turning in the waiting room and everyone is listening. The receptionist's voice drops to an audible whisper. "You want the morning-after pill? What's the name? Oh, it's you, Mrs Peters. You live in the High Street, don't you?"

Real and imagined scenes such as this are one reason why women are reluctant to take up the morning-after pill. According to the Brook Advisory Service, which provides family planning for the under-25s, many women find it difficult to insist on an immediate appointment for post-coital contraception. And unless they can be seen within a day or two, it is too late.

"Getting postcoital contraception needs to be made easier," says Margaret Jones, general secretary at Brook. "Receptionists should be alerted to the fact that these requests might crop up, and they need to be careful what they say on the phone."

But shyness is not the whole problem. According to Dr Ali Kubba, deputy director of the Margaret Pyke centre, a major family planning clinic and research centre in London, post-coital contraception could make a major impact on the abortion rates. The fact that abortions in England and Wales are steadily rising, from 102,677 in 1977 to 156,191 in 1987, suggests that many women still do not know how to obtain immediate help after taking a contraceptive pill.

Postcoital contraception is not only for younger women, Kubba says, but for anyone who has

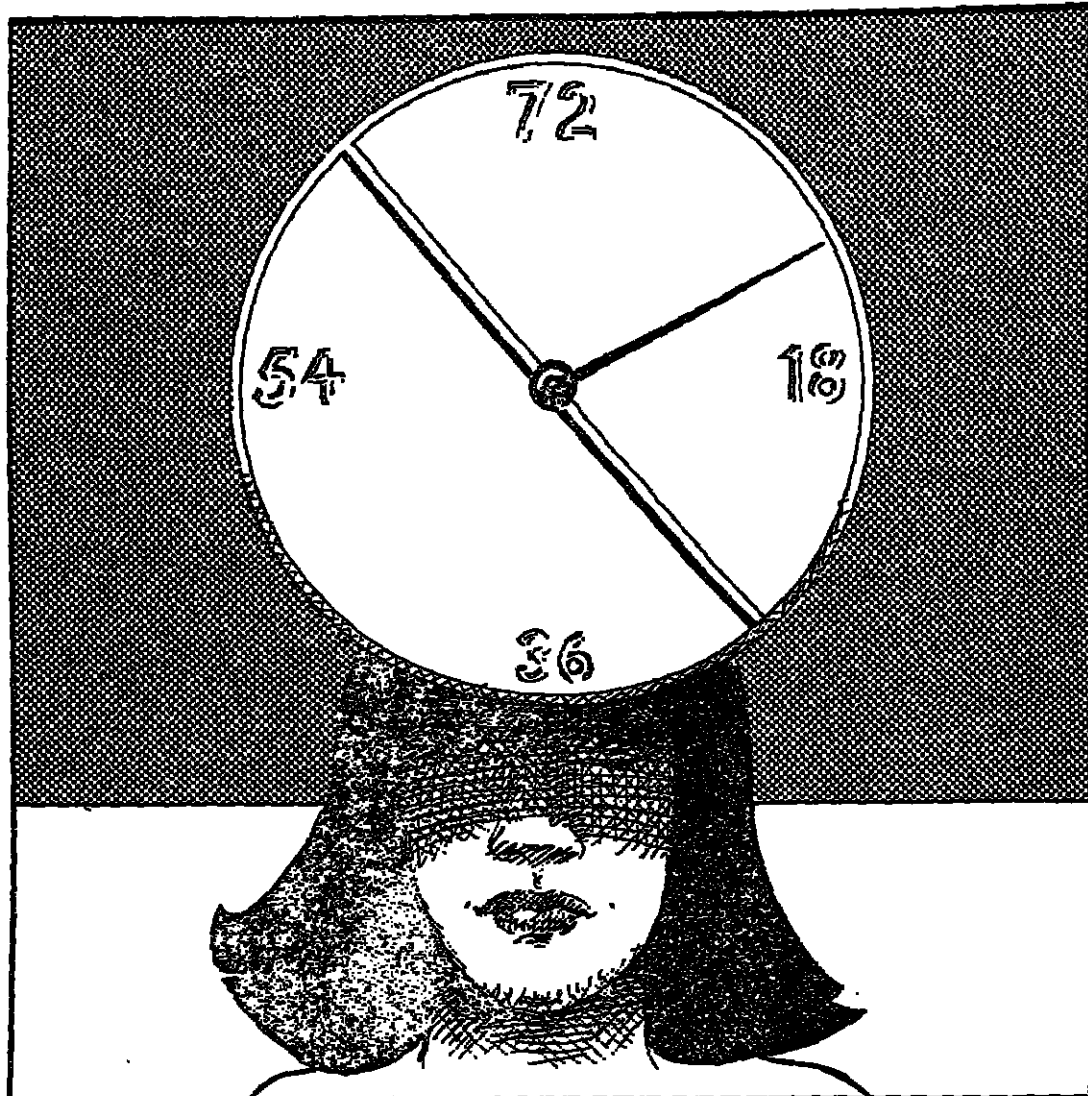
either failed to use contraceptives, or whose method has failed (for example, a sheath has split open). "Users include women having sex for the first time, or for the first time in a long while. One piece of research has identified a 'moonlight and roses' group of couples in their late twenties or older who found themselves without contraception. The reasons were that a relationship was just beginning, or was just resuming after a break-up, or after the man had been working away for a long time."

"Of younger women who seek postcoital contraception, about 60 per cent have had unprotected sex, and 40 per cent have used something which proved inadequate. In older women, 40 per cent have had unprotected sex, and 60 per cent have experienced a method failure."

The morning-after pill, which can be used up to 72 hours after unprotected sex, carries a failure rate of 1 to 3 per cent. The method involves taking two high dose contraceptive pills immediately, followed 12 hours later by two more. The treatment, packaged as Schering's PC4, costs the health service £1.40. This compares with £200 paid for a private abortion, or the £190 which each abortion costs the NHS.

One woman in two suffers nausea after the treatment, and about one in seven is actually sick. But only a tiny sub-group — those who vomit within three hours of treatment — need to take more pills. If the method does fail, there is a slightly increased risk of a tubal pregnancy. However, there is no evidence that a failed morning-after treatment damages the fetus.

The other postcoital method involves an intra-uterine device (coil) which can be fitted up to five days after unprotected sex. The failure rate is less than 1 per cent. Both postcoital methods work by preventing the implantation of



'There are potential risks which need to be discussed, although they are lower than those of the birth pill'

a fertilized egg and sometimes, in the case of the pill, by delaying ovulation. The advantage of the IUD is that it can be used as a continuing method of contraception. The disadvantage is the increased risk of infection. Because postcoital methods are used before a period is missed, the women never know whether they have conceived. As a species we have a very high pregnancy failure rate — about 15 per cent of the

eggs of active, fertile couples are lost before fertilization and another 15 per cent before the egg can be implanted in the uterus. A recent study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* suggests that a further 22 per cent of fertilized and implanted eggs are lost before the woman realizes she has been pregnant. Another 9 per cent are miscarried once pregnancy has been diagnosed. The risk of becoming pregnant

from a single sex act in mid-cycle is roughly 30 to 30 per cent. Both Brook and the Family Planning Association believe that postcoital contraception should be publicized much more widely, both among doctors and the public. Although Brook has seen a 40 per cent increase in the use of morning-after pills in one year, the method is not widespread. Schering, the manufacturer of PC4, says it expects to sell 80,000

packets this year, compared with 40,000 in 1986.

These figures do not reflect total use of morning-after pills. Some family planning clinic doctors economize by administering four tablets from a packet of another brand of pill, Ovran, at a cost of less than 2p per pill. Ovran is an old-style pill which is now seldom prescribed. Like all oral contraceptives, it can only be obtained by means of a doctor's prescription. Although it is identical to Schering's PC4, it is not officially licensed to be used as a morning-after pill and the manufacturer, Wyeth, has no plans to apply for a licence because it feels there is not enough demand.

Kubba, like most of his colleagues, believes that the morning-after pill should not be available over the counter. "As with all hormonal methods, there are some potential risks which need to be discussed, although these risks are lower than those of the birth pill because it is a 'one-off' method. But it makes sense for us to see these patients because it is an ideal time to introduce them to a regular family planning method."

Although the morning-after treatment is equivalent to taking seven standard low dose pills in a 12-hour period, Kubba does not recommend do-it-yourself treatments. "The treatments offered now have been properly evaluated, but no one has tested do-it-yourself treatments," he explains.

For some doctors and their patients, postcoital methods are unacceptable because they prevent the implantation of a fertilized egg. Others argue that conception is a continuous process which is not completed until the egg is attached to the side of the womb.

Dr Ian Jessiman, of the Guild of Catholic Doctors, says that while some of his members feel able to prescribe contraception, most would be unwilling to prescribe postcoital methods. "Because it prevents the implantation of a possible conceptus, they would regard it as equivalent to terminating a pregnancy."

Anecdotal evidence from the Family Planning Association and Brook suggests that a small minor-

ity of doctors are also ignorant about the method. These GPs prescribe pills which are too weak to be effective or claim that postcoital methods are illegal. In fact, in 1983, the Attorney-General ruled that the prevention of implantation could not be regarded as procuring a miscarriage, guarded as procuring a miscarriage, guarded as procuring a miscarriage.

Professor Michael Drury, president of the Royal College of General Practitioners, says he believes that most doctors are well informed about postcoital methods. However, for the few who are not, the college has asked the editors of two medical journals to include an update on these methods.

Drury is concerned over the complaints concerning GPs' receptionists. The college runs courses for them, and will provide training for 8,000 this year alone. Drury believes that "in 99 cases out of 100" the blame lies with the doctor. "Receptionists get between £1.75 and £3.24 an hour, depending on their experience. They choose to do a job in which they are lowly paid and kicked about because they want to help other people. We find they are very keen to do their job well."

Receptionists attending the RCGP course are told that it is up to the patient to decide whether the request for an appointment is urgent. "If the patient says it is, then the patient should be seen that day," Drury says. "Whether or not the receptionist should ask why is a sensitive matter. It can help to keep things running smoothly if she does know, because then she can allow enough time for the appointment and make sure any necessary forms are ready. On the other hand, if she asks directly, the patient may feel she is being challenged."

"We train receptionists to say, 'Do you feel you can tell me why you want to see the doctor?' In most cases the patient is happy to give the reason, but if she is not, then the receptionist should give her the urgent appointment anyway."

"But in some cases the solution lies with the architect who designs the surgery premises. We tell the receptionist that if she can't provide patients with the confidentiality to which they are entitled, she should get the doctor by the ears and tell him."

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New drive for the triple protector

The introduction of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella vaccine) is a major advance in child health, so important that perhaps in future godparents should consider assuming a temporal as well as a spiritual role, making certain that their charges are brought to their general practitioner for vaccination some time between the first and fourth year.

The previous campaign to vaccinate against rubella (German measles), started in 1970, has only been a moderate success; some 400 pregnancies annually are still complicated by German measles, and although large numbers of the

affected fetuses are aborted, about 20 babies are born each year with severe defects as a result.

The vaccine will also reduce the dread of mumps for male adolescents who have not had the disease in childhood, for thereafter they always fear that they may catch it and be one of the 25 per cent who develop orchitis — inflammation and later atrophy of the testis — as a result; it is little consolation to reassure them that mumps orchitis is usually unilateral, and so unlikely to produce sterility.

Mumps is a much more serious complication; in this country it is the most common cause of viral men-

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttardford

ingitis and encephalitis, which together affect 1,000 children and adults annually.

Measles is an underrated disease. It is not only a matter of a rash, transient temperature, cough and runny eyes, but is a frequent cause of pneumonia, infected ears and other secondary infections. It can have even more serious complications:

occasionally it causes alterations in the blood clotting mechanism which induce a liability to haemorrhage. Additionally it can attack the central nervous system so that one in 800 cases develop encephalitis, and more rarely a particularly nasty and invariably fatal disease, subacute sclerosing panencephalitis.

Doctors argue about the best place to inject the baby. Pre-war doctors favoured the upper arm; those who did their paediatrics immediately after the war selected the upper outer quarter of the buttocks. In the past 25 years it has been fashionable to use the side of the upper thigh, even though this is

a very much more painful site than the arm or buttocks, because it was thought less likely to result in damage. Dr Keith Thompson, a well known GP, confirms in the *BMJ* after self-experimentation that injections in the buttocks are the most painful, and maintains that the site fell into disuse only because of fears that damage to the sciatic nerve, the main nerve to the leg, might occur. He says this is because 25 years ago inoculations were given with a long needle and were toxic; now a short needle is used, and the injections are harmless. In Thompson's view babies deserve to have a comparatively painless injection.

Steroid power

Doctors as well as athletes are puzzled that Ben Johnson, who knew that medal winners were likely to be

tested, should take anabolic steroids (Stanozolol) so close to the time of his competition, for he should have known that it would take at least a month for the body to rid itself of evidence of their misuse. In the past athletes taking illegal drugs have been caught out by also practising blood doping, the technique of having their own blood drawn off a few weeks before a great occasion, and then having it transfused back before the race. The additional haemoglobin in their bloodstream ensure better oxygenation and subsequently better performance from their muscles; but the transfused blood brings with it the tell-tale evidence of any drugs which have been used in the pre-competitive training.

Whatever the reason, he has added to the bad reputation of anabolic steroids which, at the overall doses cheating athletes use, may well cause a range of side effects including cancer of the liver or prostate, mania or depression, and with some types (not Stanozolol) impotence. In medicine, however, they have life-saving uses. Urticaria (nettle rash), and its complication angioneurotic oedema, which causes life-threatening swelling of the face, throat and airways, is usually due to a complex problem of allergies, but in some very rare cases it may follow an inherited absence of an enzyme inhibitor. This type of angioneurotic oedema has a 23 per cent mortality, but its symptoms can be prevented by taking anabolic steroids. Behcet's syndrome, but as well as giving rise to ulcers in the mouth and genital organs and on the skin, it causes inflammation of the joints and the deeper structures of the eyes. Its most

Onion therapy

A few years ago a former Cabinet minister exchanged his front bench for a seat on a tractor trailer so that he

could view Fenland agriculture. When the party reached one field he surprised his constituency hosts by leaping off the trailer, only to return a few moments later waving an onion aloft. He explained that up until then he had had no idea how onions grew and had always thought that they probably came off trees. Later at lunch he admitted that as much as he liked the countryside, he rarely ventured beyond his weekend hosts' lawns. Had he been in Budapest recently, he would have learnt at a conference on diseases of the chest rather more about onions. For centuries medicinal powers have been ascribed to them, but not analysed: in some parts of East Anglia, for instance, before the war, a thick onion soup was ladled out each evening to the children to prevent them from catching coughs. Research reported at the meeting in Hungary would now suggest that there was some wisdom

Deadly fall

The anxious kindly eyes smiling out of a rather harried face endeared Roy Kinnear to a multitude of fans who, although they had never met him personally, have been cast down by his death. Carmel Kinnear, his widow, and Dr John Gayner, medical adviser to the principal insurers of the film industry, are both pressing for a second post-mortem and inquest to inquire into its circumstances. Kinnear, who weighed 18 stone, fell so heavily that he tore his pelvis apart; after the injury, the normally tight close-fitting fibrous joint between the two

halves of the pelvis in the lower abdomen was separated by more than two inches. The pain from this injury, coupled with the loss of a couple of pints of blood following internal bleeding, seems to have caused such a profound loss of blood pressure that he went into circulatory failure. A reasonable blood pressure is needed to keep the vital organs, including the kidneys, working, but there seems little evidence that standard fluid balance charts were kept, so

that although the amount of fluids he drank is known there is no record that his kidneys were functioning, and there are reasons to suppose that they were not. Although his blood pressure was taken on several occasions there was only one obvious recording on the blood pressure chart, 80 over 50, low enough to worry the most blasé house surgeon. There have been suggestions that he might have died from a fat embolism, always a potentially fatal condition in which

fat is carried in the bloodstream and behaves like a clot. This is considered unlikely — although a fat embolism can follow damage to ordinary fatty tissue, they usually originate from the fat in the marrow of a fractured bone, and Roy Kinnear had no broken bones. Most, if not all, doctors would agree with Dr Gayner that the existing verdict of death from traumatic shock is an inadequate explanation of what might have happened.



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ALAN COREN

Lot 1, ladies and gentlemen, a vintage automaton, offered as seen, and described as dilapidated, foxed, and considerably distressed. The object — which appears to date from about the middle of the last century but is in fact of marginally more recent manufacture — is of rude design, common shape, and undistinguished aspect, superficially cleaned but otherwise un-restored, most moving parts being in poor working order. Its mechanism starts with a push, whereafter the object will move about in a jerky fashion before falling over. It has been crudely decorated to resemble a cricketer, though not closely.

Quite why I should have been hobbling out to bat last Saturday in the annual Antique Dealers Cricket Match is difficult to explain without impugning the honour of that great trade. Let us just say that it is in the nature of the beast to go in for, er, flexible labelling, which allows them to describe me as an antique dealer on the grounds that one or other of them has, over the years, been able to offload junk on me for folding money.

I thus qualify as willow-fodder, which means that every September I am compelled to take guard on a steep incline above Stow-on-the-Wold and wait for some sturdy young huckster to materialize out of the sleet and kill me.

This, mind, would happen only by accident — in my unique case. Because this is no ordinary friendly. For every other day of the year, these fellows are at one another's commercial throats; and since this is a fixture traditionally preceded by a great deal of expensive lubricant, the match is played in a mood of retributive venomousness so drunkenly erratic as to keep casualty departments from Oxford to Cheltenham on the *qui vive* throughout the long day.

Being a mere customer, however, I have always been exempt from the professional score-settling. Thus, while it was no surprise to me, walking in at number five, to have the departing batsman mutter as he passed me his gloves that he had been run out by his partner as the result of his having stitched him up over a dubious break-front bookcase at the Olympia Antiques Fair, I could feel confident that of all the risks I was about to run, this was not of their number.

I had elegantly snicked my way to seven and was prudently allowing a full toss to float past the off stump, when the wicketkeeper suddenly whipped off the bails. Since my back foot was safely planted, I grinned at the umpire, a hitherto jolly chandler in, as I recall, Jacobean oak.

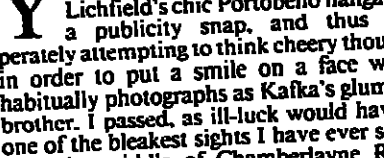
"Goodbye," said the umpire.

In the pavilion, my captain was broaching an umpteenth crate. "Did you see that?" I cried. "What's got into the bloody umpire?"

The captain eased a cork. "I understand you've never bought anything from him," he said.

Funny game, cricket.

BARRY FANTONI



"Once again I agree. Even embryonic parties have the right to life"

Yesterday morning, driving to Patrick Lichfield's chic Portobello hangar for a publicity snap, and thus despatching me to think cheery thoughts in order to put a smile on a face which habitually photographs as Kafka's glum brother, I passed, as ill-luck would have it, one of the bleakest sights I have ever seen.

In the middle of Chamberlayne Road, Kensal Rise — itself a spot instinct with Victorian gloom — stands a derelict redbrick island. It seems to serve no function but to display a spotty iron sign which mystifyingly reads: FEEDING THE PIGEONS IS PROHIBITED. Beneath this dispiriting legend, half a dozen drizzleswept and generally seedy birds wait motionless, like old men hanging about on a discontinued branch-line platform. Why it should be legally forbidden to feed them, why they should continue to assemble there in pointless hope of tucker, are questions it is impossible to address. But they will unquestionably surface in my photograph.

Patrick, not unreasonably chastened by my lack of chirpiness, posed me holding a rolled-up copy of *The Listener* to my ear (geddit?), but the thing in his viewfinder was clearly more *Pagliacci* than clown.

He thought for a bit. "Say money," he said, at last.

"Why?"

"Money makes people laugh," said Patrick. "Don't ask me why."

"Money," I said.

Patrick thought for another bit. "Say porridge," he said.

Ten minutes ago, stumped for a succinct concluding paragraph which would resonate in your heads after I had gone, I sighed, quitted my unyielding typewriter, and walked across Old Marylebone Road for a cup of coffee. It was as I was tearing the corner from the sugar sachet that I noticed the bright blue legend on its flank. It said: *Whitworth's Quick-Dissolving Granulated Sugar*.

What boons technology toils at, even as we sleep! For years we have all been somehow struggling along with ordinarily-dissolving granulated sugar, totally unaware that shedful of eminent scientists were engaged in taking the age-old challenge by the throat. And at last, like Edison before them, like Curie, like Fleming, like Watson and Crick, they have cracked it.

My only problem now is what to do with all the valuable time I shall henceforth be saving.

The fact that Mrs Thatcher is a scientist has not, hitherto, brought many benefits either to the scientific community or to the environment.

Her speech to the Royal Society on Tuesday came therefore as a veritable bolt from the blue, and clearly signals a major shift in the Prime Minister's own personal views.

In this as in all else, Mrs Thatcher did not mince her words. "For generations we have assumed that the efforts of mankind would leave the fundamental equilibrium of the world's systems and atmosphere stable. But it is possible that, with all those enormous changes — population, agricultural use of fossil fuels — concentrated into such a short period of time, we have unwittingly begun a massive experiment with the system of the planet itself."

Understandably, the environmental movement has too, too warmly to these words. So too, no doubt, has the Prince of Wales.

His speech to the North Sea Summit in November 1987 ("It makes no sense to test the environment to destruction. While we wait for the doctor's diagnosis, the patient may easily die") is widely acknowledged to

have infuriated the Government in that it specifically contrasted the "precautionary approach" of most European countries with Britain's marked disinclination to act until that magical moment when cause and effect are definitely proved.

It is precisely this "where's the pile of bodies?" approach to science which time after time has confirmed Britain's reputation as the Dirty Man of Europe.

Mrs Thatcher's conversion to the green cause is by no means unqualified. The sufficiency of proof required to demonstrate cause and effect remains a matter of political judgement. For instance, the hypothesis linking the use of chlorofluorocarbons and damage to the ozone layer was first put forward by American scientists and environmentalists in the early 1970s. It was considered sufficiently robust by the US Government to ban the use of

chlorofluorocarbons in aerosols in 1978.

The British government's acceptance of this link is far more recent: 18 months ago it was still lobbying other European governments to settle for the lowest possible reductions in CFC use.

The same pattern of prevarication has been apparent in the Government's approach to acid rain, contributing significantly to a seven-year delay in negotiations in the European Community's directive on sulphur dioxide emissions from coal-fired power stations.

So at what point will the evidence of global warming, caused by the build-up of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse gases" in the atmosphere, warrant concrete policy responses? The tendency to exploit genuine scientific uncertainty as a pretext for political inaction may be mitigated on this occasion by the

determination of the international scientific community to make the running on the Greenhouse Effect, outpacing even the environmental pressure groups. Institutional icebergs are melting faster than any of us imagined possible.

Recognition that the Greenhouse Effect is not only the single greatest environmental challenge that we face, but one that has to be faced today rather than tomorrow, represents a quantum leap in political awareness.

This was not an easy speech for Mrs Thatcher to make; only a couple of years ago she was referring to environmentalists as "the enemy within" and will now be hard put to deny suggestions of a major volte-face. What's more, given the people are unlikely to settle for fine words.

A range of measures are open even now to the Government to promote energy conservation —

by raising efficiency standards in building construction and appliances, by implementing a comprehensive domestic and industrial insulation programme, and by helping to develop new technologies to burn fossil fuels more efficiently. The renewable research programme is crying out for increased funding, and out for increased return for likely to generate a return for the British industry than throwing yet more money down the nuclear drain.

And there is much to be done internationally. Even as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank conclude their deliberations in Berlin, thousands of peasant farmers in Brazil, displaced from their holdings to make way for further investment in the planting of export-oriented cash crops, are pouring into the Amazon along roads built with World Bank funding.

As Mrs Thatcher said, "the health of our economy and health of our environment are totally dependent on each other". If policy changes are introduced to achieve that synthesis, then a green revolution will indeed be in the making.

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good. Nor is he; his manifest inadequacy should have been apparent from the first. (Labour is always complaining that the Tory press is unfair to it, and the accusation is perfectly justified. But I was amazed by the lenience, indeed the absurd approbation, with which Kinnock continued to be treated by that same press for so long).

But it is no use the Labour Party blaming Mr Kinnock's lack of political talent. They elected him; the roots of Labour despair are embedded in that decision, not in the leader himself. Even if we ignore the preposterous scandal of the unions' block-vote in the leadership election, Labour has to answer the question: why did it choose Kinnock?

It chose him for the same reason that led it to choose Michael Foot: the ineradicable longing to pretend that the divisions in the party are only superficial and personal, whereas they are profound, ideological and fatal. Everybody loves Footie (true), went the cry, so he'll straighten it all out with a bit of give and take and a lot of goodwill, and above all no pain. In a sense, he did; at least he provided immense quantities of goodwill and no pain at all. But the Tories won the election by 144 seats, for all that.

And the only conclusion that the Labour Party came to amid the ashes was that what was needed was a man whom everybody could love, and who would provide even more goodwill, and even less pain. And so it was that Mrs Thatcher settled down to her third term, and is said by well-informed persons to be planning the details of her fifth.

That, however, is only the first of the causes of Labour's crisis. Labour has another, and even more intractable, problem.

Take those members who have drifted away. Why have they done so? Because they ceased to feel that what they were doing had any relevance to the lives of themselves and their

families and their friends and neighbours.

Even more intensely symptomatic of that feeling was the unanimous indifference that greeted the Labour attempt to recruit members on the factory floor; my favourite line from the report to the Labour executive was "Despite being mailed several times there was no response from any workplace branch".

Why should there be a response? Suppose, somewhere, there was a man so fired by the charisma of Mr Hattersley, say, that he joined the party and was sent out into the highways and byways to spread the word. His disillusion would be swift,

caused by the fact that he would find the doorsteps crammed with people who were under the impression he had come from Mars, so remote from the world they lived in were his words and his appeal.

Those doorsteps, and the people on them, are smarter and neater and better-tended than ever before. When the people, and possibly the doorsteps as well, are told by the Labour party that the country, because of Mrs Thatcher, has become more selfish and greedy, they identify that comment with themselves, and are both puzzled and offended. Offended because no one likes to be called selfish and

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Mr Baker may not quite have had the assembled academic grandees eating out of his hand. But he secured a positive hearing for proposals which only a few months ago would have been considered heretical.

While appearing to reject the Prime Minister and her works in recent years, higher education — including Oxford — has behind the scenes been changing its attitudes towards business and the private economy, towards state support, and towards its own organization. It has even, perhaps, changed its view of Conservative government.

The evidence is unmistakable. Universities are now actively soliciting not just industry's money but its opinions. Last week's London School of Economics conference showed how the idea of enfranchising students as the primary "customers" of university teaching is an idea with great appeal to the academics themselves. University government is, in many places, tauter than before.

It would now be a fine thing if universities could work together with the Government to prosecute reform. But we should not allow our optimism to get out of hand. Mr Baker's reception at Oxford was in one important

sense deceptive. Underneath his plans for separate funding of teaching and research, he is proposing something that the vice-chancellors have stoutly resisted: variety.

The logic of Mr Baker's speech is not only the abolition of the increasingly esoteric distinction between universities, polytechnics and other degree-granting institutions, but also a growing gap (in standards as well as in costs) between universities such as Oxford or University College, London and smaller institutions such as Exeter or Hull.

At this point the vice-chancellors become edgy and tend to cling to the idea of a central mechanism, such as the Universities Funding Council. For if there were to be some sort of voucher for students, together with greater concentration of research funding, the pressures would be for greater differentiation within the system.

The vice of the vice-chancellors in recent years has been a passion for uniformity. They have all wanted to run high-cost, high-standard institutions and looked to central government not just for the wherewithal but also for the coercive power needed to keep their universities special. The time is approaching when both the Government and the vice-chancellors must contemplate a different future.

Instead of 44 universities we should all think in terms of 144 institutions, with various names, all capable of awarding a degree and all different. Students, employers and the general processes for establishing public reputations will be the guarantors of their standards.

INF BLUES

Mr Shevardnadze's hurried return home did not take place before he had displayed once again the Soviet talent for seizing the propaganda initiative on arms control issues. Speaking at the United Nations, he had called for military programmes to be cancelled to pay for research into environmental protection. Today, Marshal Akhromeyev, Chief of Staff of the Soviet Armed Forces, will outline his own views on the way ahead.

Nato is vastly more secure politically than the shaky edifice which Mr Gorbachov is struggling to save through *perestroika*. But so far the Western alliance has seemed to be drifting, unsure how arms reductions should be tackled over the next few years and unable to take major policy decisions until the US presidential elections are over. Since the treaty to remove all land-based intermediate-range nuclear missiles from Europe was signed seven months ago, the countries of the western alliance have been bickering gently about what their next objective should be.

The implications of the INF deal for the alliance and its strategy of deterrence based on an appropriate mix of conventional and nuclear systems have provoked new thinking — but as yet no consensus. There is broad agreement that the Warsaw Pact's superiority in conventional forces now has to be addressed. But Nato is not in the same bargaining position it enjoyed when the United States and Soviet Union negotiated the elimination of INF weapons. Then Nato was negotiating from strength. With conventional forces, it is negotiating from weakness.

This is the nub of the problem. It is important for Nato to set the pace in the conventional arms control arena if only to counter the impression that Mr Gorbachov is making all the running. But if there is to be major progress in reducing conventional forces, much of the impetus will have to come from the Soviet leader.

There are already encouraging signs that Mr Gorbachov is willing to reach some form of conventional force deal with the West. He is on record as saying that where there is an imbalance in armaments, the side with more

should scale them down. The principle of asymmetrical cuts, which was a breakthrough for Nato in the INF negotiations, is even more important in the conventional arms negotiations because of the Warsaw Pact's vast superiority.

But Mr Gorbachov has many more cards to play than Nato. He can afford to make generous gestures — even unilateral ones — to withdraw a number of divisions from Eastern Europe to barracks in the Soviet Union, without noticeably affecting the war-fighting machine lined up on the Central Front.

He can also offer to make substantial cuts in forces and equipment (based, of course, on Moscow's measurement of the conventional imbalance, and not on Nato's, which is very different) and at the same time demand concessions from the West which would be totally unacceptable to Nato. The package could be made to look good in the eye of western European public opinion — which is why Nato can ill afford to wait too long before producing its own proposals to demonstrate that the INF blues have been shaken off.

The first step must be to win the propaganda battle over numbers. Moscow has always rejected the force levels quoted by the West. Yet it has failed to give details of troops and equipment based in Eastern Europe. The new policy of openness has not yet spread to this crucial area.

Nato, taking its lesson from the INF talks, then has to make it clear to Mr Gorbachov that although the West is outnumbered in terms of military personnel, tanks, artillery and armoured vehicles, there will be no hesitation in modernizing the equipment based in Europe — both conventional and nuclear. Decisions on weapon system modernization in Europe cannot be delayed just because politicians are hoping for huge cuts in Warsaw Pact conventional forces.

Once he is convinced that Nato is determined to embark on a wholesale modernization programme, he might be prepared to do business. If he is going to succeed with his internal reforms, he cannot afford to compete in a technological race with the West.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

A green spirit was stalking the leaders of the world on Tuesday. While Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, Foreign Minister of one of the globe's major polluting powers, was warning in New York that "man's so-called peaceful constructive activity is turning into a global aggression against the very foundations of life on earth", Mrs Margaret Thatcher, a Prime Minister famed for her impatience with environmental whingers, was admitting to the Royal Society the possibility that "we have unwittingly begun a massive experiment with the system of this planet".

At the international meeting of financial leaders in Berlin "green" protesters were in their usual position of parading placards in the streets. But environmental politics made a surprise centre-stage appearance inside the hall too. As they did — rather less surprisingly — at the SLD conference of would-be British leaders in Blackpool.

A cynical reading of Mrs Thatcher's address would, of course, relate it more closely to domestic than international affairs. As the centre parties divide and fall, so their better tunes can be plucked.

The "active citizen" theme, of which we hear so much, owes more to the Social Democrat guru, Professor Ralph Dahrendorf, than to its Tory popularizer, Mr Douglas Hurd. Green politics too can win votes from disillusioned Alliance supporters. The Green Party itself won some 90,000 votes at the last election — and was at its most successful at the Conservatives' expense.

But a closer consideration of the speeches in London, New York and Berlin suggests that there is something bigger going on. The Soviet Union, never slow to see which way the German wind is blowing, has sensed a fresh bout of environmentalist sensibility there. So has Mrs Thatcher in Britain. The Norwegians who in 1985 found the British Prime Minister so condescending about their concerns over "acid rain" would have been amazed to hear Tuesday's apparent conversion — if not to their conclusions at least to a shared point of view.

The current talks in Berlin aim to ensure that

World Bank projects to aid developing countries do not destroy the natural environment at the same time. They mark the growing consensus that ecological damage — whether caused by dams, pesticides or nuclear accident — is no respecter of national boundaries.

Still less of a national issue is the hole in the ozone layer that may have been caused by chemicals used in aerosol sprays. The heating of the atmosphere through the "greenhouse effect" might, as Mrs Thatcher warned, engulf the Maldives Islands entirely in the water from melted ice caps. But it would also pose a threat to Norfolk.

In addressing her fellow scientists in the Royal Society she was determined to insist that remedies must be "founded on good science to establish cause and effect". But the speech was refreshingly free of the negative rhetoric which uses scientific scepticism to justify a reluctance to act which is, in reality, for political or financial reasons.

Negotiations in Brussels on an "acid rain" draft directive, for example, began in December 1983. But progress on adoption was held up because Britain and Spain balked at the heavy cost. Britain was very slow to face the fact that all that sulphur dioxide emissions from coal-burning power stations were so fatal to European forests and lakes.

Since then progress has been made. Mrs Thatcher's unexpected speech suggests that the implementation of the Montreal Agreement to protect the ozone layer may do better in escaping unnecessary British obstacles; also that research into the greenhouse effect may also receive more favourable treatment from the public purse.

But Mrs Thatcher will have achieved still more if, politically, she can wrest the best green cards from the hands of those who are opposed to economic growth as well as dirty power stations, nuclear deterrence as well as melting ice caps. Good science linked to good business backed by international security is the best protector of the environment in which we all must live.

Natural balance for mankind

From the Director of the World Wide Fund for Nature

Sir, The Prime Minister's key speech on our global environmental problems (report, September 28) was excellent news, particularly if it results in the Government giving higher priority to conservation issues. However, according to press reports, her main emphasis was on the damage mankind is inflicting on the planet by pollution.

Unfortunately this is only half the story. Man is also causing immense damage to the environment by destroying the balance of nature. Tropical forests are still being destroyed at a frightening rate, and 60,000 plants — a quarter of the world's supply — could become extinct in the lifetime of children born today.

WWF believes that the best way to ensure that this planet is in a fit state for future generations is for man to use natural resources only in a sustainable way. If this ideal is translated into policy by Mrs Thatcher and other world leaders, there will be real optimism for the future of this planet.

Yours faithfully,
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Weyside Park,
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Active citizenship

From the General Secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation

Sir, Like Hywel Griffiths of the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (September 23), I too congratulate the Home Secretary on his vision of "active citizenship". Mr Hurd's suggestion that the Government will now allow Civil Servants time off to help with voluntary and community groups is a very welcome step.

For some time now, the Board of Inland Revenue and the Treasury have blocked initiatives by us to give Inland Revenue services to community groups. In recent months, requests from the IRS (Inland Revenue Staff Federation) that staff wanting to work with Community Service Volunteers, the Royal Jubilee Trust and the Prince's Trust should get time off to do so have been turned down flat.

In doing so, the Treasury and Revenue have failed to match the good example set by other major employers. Revenue staff have many particular qualities and skills to offer voluntary organisations because of their financial expertise.

I sincerely hope that Mr Hurd's thoughts in this area are shared by his colleagues in Government. With a little imagination, I believe there is great scope for the skilled Civil Servants to play a major role in initiatives to improve our communities. In particular, many of the Government's inner cities programmes could benefit from input by Civil Servants with relevant expertise.

The long-term future of our country lies with a high quality Civil Service operating in a climate of improved co-operation between public and private sectors to secure economic regeneration. Yours faithfully,
C. BROOKE,
General Secretary,
Inland Revenue Staff Federation,
Douglas Houghton House,
231 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.
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English über alles

From Mr Maurice E. Cooke

Sir, May I suggest that Mrs Thatcher is using the wrong tactics in her battle with the ideas of M. Delors (reports, September 21, 22). Instead of opposing, she should enthusiastically support his schemes for a European super-state — but with one proviso.

She should remind M. Delors that past experience of the creation of a single large state out of a group of smaller states — for example the USA, and the German Empire from the *Zollverein* — shows that, prior to the creation of a central bank, a common currency, common taxation, common labour laws etc. there is needed a common language.

This language must clearly be English; in time, therefore, such languages as French, German, and Greek, would be reduced to the level of local dialects.

I imagine that the political leaders of these nations would discover few votes in such proposals.

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Coastguard alert to distress calls

From the Chief Coastguard
Sir, The article on HM Coastguard (September 22) and the letter from Mr J. A. Douglas (September 27) make a number of claims to which I should reply.

Recent developments in communications control systems have made it possible and sensible to reduce the number of centres within the coastguard organisation. The ability to operate radio over long distances means that the present number of remote aerial sites around the coastline of the UK can now be effectively controlled from 21 centres rather than the present 24.

Concentration of manpower and the latest equipment in modern, purpose-designed centres may confidently be expected to improve rather than degrade the service available, whether for the major disaster or minor incidents.

Additional equipment is being provided at stations with increased areas of responsibility to handle the extra load which will fall upon them.

It is not true to say that distress calls are being missed because of ineffective equipment. However, there is a great deal of chatter on the distress frequency, which could indeed mask a genuine distress message.

Local TV services

From the Director of the Cable Television Association

Sir, It is, I suppose, not surprising that Dr John Forrest, of the Independent Broadcasting Authority (September 22) ignores the role of cable television in providing local services, as it does not come under his remit. The growing role that cable is playing in local television adds strength to the argument for the replacement of the IBA by a body controlling all commercial television, including cable and satellite, as is the Government's reported intention.

Dr Forrest's proposal to use the same frequency and "in-house equipment" for multipoint video distribution systems (MVDS), as for the IBA's direct-to-home (DBS) satellite service, looks suspiciously like an attempt by the IBA to gain control of MVDS by imposing its own preferred standards on this technology. That's what he means by achieving "a coherent and flexible approach to the evolution of broadcasting technology".

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From the Deputy Secretary of the Royal Fine Art Commission

Sir, Sir Roy Strong gives the impression (Daily, September 23) that the Royal Fine Art Commission restricts its activities to encouraging better buildings in isolation from their surroundings. At a time when its devoted chairman, Lord St John of Fawley, is abroad, I feel compelled to put the record straight: it only stands inaccurate, I am sure, because of Sir Roy's own passion for good townscape and not his ignorance.

In carrying out the terms of the royal warrant the commission's task of protecting "public amenity" inevitably leads its members to consider the effect any building will have on the public domain, regardless of its individual aesthetic merit: the quality of spaces created between buildings is given as much importance as the quality of the buildings themselves. The

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For singletons, the abiding fascination of twinning is based on the usefulness of physical identity to had comedy and the misapprehension of the condition as a perennial well of mutual strength. Though relying for most of its span on a passive recording of unsurprising similarities, *My Twin And I* (BBC1) offered a useful corrective in dredging up two pairs of malcontents.

The Charnock boys are non-identical six-year-olds born to a black mother and a white father; one, almost paradoxically Anglo-Saxon in appearance, resents his twin, who is black and incidentally more personable. The latter complained not only of racist bullying at school but also of his white twin's lack of fraternal support.

This was an extreme case of a sibling relationship being determined by superficial conditioning. The Howes twins, identical Home Counties blondes, were altogether more revealing. The idyllic closeness of their childhood fell apart when the previously less adventurous of the pair moved in with a man, precipitating an identity crisis in the one who had hitherto been dominant. Their uneasy confrontation had an eerie strangeness which might have been directed by Bergman.

The rest was remarkable chiefly for the well-timed hermetic self-sufficiency of the interviews. "We tend to like what each other likes, family enough," mused one, while a heavy brace of sisters who are resolved to swim the Channel, together or not at all, had the brass nerve to object to the Press's tendency not to give them individual billing.

Philippa Walker's film was topped and tailed by the eldest daughters of this newspaper's restaurant critic. Holly and Rose Meades were shown posing a Polaroid of themselves to the 11-year-old twin descendants of the 19th-century Siamese twins Chang and Eng and watching a video of their respondents inviting them to America.

Not yet eight years old, the Meades twins are already such veterans of this kind of coverage that it is surely inevitable that one day they will co-host their own talk-show, in which they will be able fully to indulge their habit of posing searching questions in stereo.

Martin Cropper

Notwithstanding Robin Williams, the film of the week is an Armenian director's Canadian comedy

Your regular G.I. jock

CINEMA

Good Morning, Vietnam (15)
Warner Leicester Square, Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street

Family Viewing (18)
Metro, Camden Plaza

No Man's Land (15)
Cannons Oxford Street, Panton Street

Masquerade (18)
Cannon 2 Haymarket

Backlash (no certificate) ICA

Tiger Warsaw (15)
Cannon Panton Street

It is hard to know if *Good Morning, Vietnam* is meant to be a Vietnam war story, or a dramatized investigation into authoritarianism and information policies in the wartime fighting services, or simply a vehicle for the firework talents of stand-up comic Robin Williams.

Williams plays a service disc jockey called Adrian Cronauer, who arrives to be morning host on Saigon services radio, and instantly turns the war zone upside down with his brilliant, manic broadcasts. The servicemen love his irreverent impersonations of everyone from the President to putative front-line goofs, and his refusal to restrict himself to the bland news items approved by the local censorship. He soon finds himself at loggerheads with the military hierarchy. In an incident whose frankness about behind-the-scenes relationships recalls *Platoon*, the C.S.M. (J.T. Walsh) knowingly allows this inconvenient DJ to stay in his jeep into enemy-occupied territory.

The relationships and the issues are pregnant; but in the end Mitch Markowitz's screenplay does not develop them. We are led to anticipate a dénouement in some way arising out of the confrontation of the ranks, and the hide-bound officer establishment. Instead the ending is contrived out of an ex machina plot twist involving Cronauer's unwitting friendship with a Viet Cong agent.

Barry Levinson directs with energy to match Williams's frenetic performance. But despite the convincing recreation of the terrain (the film was shot on location in Thailand) and period (a scholarly assembly of Sixties rhythm and blues), the film exists mostly as an extended — and admittedly wonderfully entertaining — turn by Williams, with the intermittent war references predictable and dutiful.

Atom Egoyan's dark comedy from Canada, *Family Viewing*, which has been collecting festival prizes all over the world since I first noticed it from the New York New Directors Series, is easily the most original and intriguing film currently on offer. With sparse, Pinteresque dialogue, it is a bizarre parable about contemporary malaise and dislocation — of family, ethnic roots, relationships in general.

Van, the wide-eyed, pasty-faced young hero (Aidan Tierney) represents his sexually sadistic father,

who has replaced Van's mother with a new mistress, who in turn fancies her stepson. Van's only surviving sentimental tie is with his Armenian grandmother, who lies, uncommunicating, in a geriatric hospital. There he meets a young woman (Arsinée Khanjian), who maintains her own mother in the hospital by working for a telephone sex agency, incidentally patronized by Van's father.

Their subsequent adventures are fun, but secondary to Egoyan's visual ingenuity in interspersing the film with video images of varied generation, which become potent metaphors for mind and memory and decaying human contacts. People are forever prying on one another by video. Van's father — who markets video players for a living — erases the old family videos of Van's happy childhood to record his own current erotic antics. The geriatrics are mesmerized by screens. Real life and real feelings are reduced to electronics. Egoyan — a 27-year-old Armenian, born in Egypt and brought to Canada at three — has a philosophical turn of comedy that leaves unsettling after-traces in the memory.

Listeners' choice: Robin Williams acknowledges the approval of his audience in *Good Morning, Vietnam*

By chance this week brings two films produced and written by Dick Wolf, who trained on television's *Hill Street Blues* and *Miami Vice*. By far the better of the two is *No Man's Land*, very well scripted, and stylishly directed by a young graduate of the American Film Institute's directorial programme, Peter Werner.

The story is familiar thriller material. A rookie policeman (D.B. Sweeney) is detailed as undercover agent to infiltrate an organization operating a profitable business in stealing Porsches; and to pin a murder on the ritzy young mobster (Charlie Sheen) who heads the outfit. The two young men, with a shared passion for automobiles in general and Porsches in particular, become genuine friends; and the naive cop is alarmed to find himself responding to the thrills of crime.

The progression of the powerful emotional ties between the two, and the character struggle within the cop, are exceptionally well developed in both writing and performance, by Charlie Sheen,

excellent and unemphatic as usual, and D.B. Sweeney, who presents an unusually real and anti-glamorous persona. Even the obligatory car-chases and the melodramatic ending are made to seem germane to the inner drama.

Masquerade is a preposterous mystery melodrama, though there is some similarity in the plot line. Rob Lowe is accomplice in a plot to trick a rich heiress (Meg Tilly) into marrying him, and then to murder her for her money. The scheme goes awry when Lowe falls in love with the intended victim, and — like the cop in *No Man's Land* — finds himself seduced to the other side.

This one is directed by Bob Swaim, an American who, working in France, made a major reputation with *La Balance*. *Masquerade*, though, is filmed and for the most part acted on the level of *Dynasty*; and the American class system, as seen from the fashionable Hampton islands, is only superficially treated.

Backlash is an Australian version of a favourite Hollywood story. Two police officers — a rough-tongued, racist and mildly corrupt young veteran and an

educated and idealistic woman officer on probation — are deputized to take a Maori woman, accused of murder, across country. On the road, the three-way relationship, initially edgy, ripens.

The director, Bill Bennett, has used improvisation, with variable success, though in general the performances (David Argue, Gia Carides, Lydia Miller), even in their awkwardness, are engaging and believable — which is, however, more than can be said for the abrupt, violent and seemingly desperate double ending.

Tiger Warsaw, scripted by Roy London and produced and directed by the Indian-born Amin Chaudhri, is a remarkably inept work, which would probably have reached few screens but for the presence of Patrick Swayze, the macho and moody star of *Dirty Dancing*. It is a neo-Victorian tale of a prodigal's return, 15 years after a family row in which he shot his old dad, who has never been the same again. The whole family behave quite unbelievably, so that it is purely arbitrary when everything comes right in the end.

David Robinson

CONCERT

Welcome visitors

Budapest Wind Ensemble
Queen Elizabeth Hall

The presence of the Budapest Wind Ensemble at the South Bank's "Beethoven Plus" series last night was in itself an undisputed plus. Kalman Berkes and his eight players leavened what is at times proving to be a somewhat contrived and implicitly didactic set of programmes, with an evening of light-handed wit and urbane musicianship.

This is their fourth visit to London since their formation in 1982, and the fingerprints are still vivid: Berkes himself, with his clarinet played at a curiously vertical angle between his knees, directs discreetly with a nod, a wink and with playing a good deal more subtle than his mischievous platform manner might lead one to believe. The euphony of close-harmony ensemble is warm without being suffocatingly velvety; the nimbleness of part-writing sharpened by the narrow, penetrating Eastern European oboe voice.

Both were shown off to a nicety in the Beethoven Rondino in E flat, with its horn echoes and flaut augmentation gradually slowing the work's machinery to a halt. By contrast, the Krommer F major Partita, one of the group's party pieces, seemed a frantic welter of activity. Audacious bassoon descants and a busily spiralling oboe line give way to a most elegantly composed song of a slow movement: the ensemble's instinctive unity of breathing did away with any need for spurious rubato in the smoothly moulded paragraph endings.

Despite the enticing programming, there was something of the feeling of a Monday night at the theatre, and the ensemble had to work hard to kindle any real response in a small and disappointingly seedy audience. Their spirits seemed a little dampened in their Mozart C minor Serenade after the interval, but their playing regained its buoyancy for two Hungarian Dances by Brahms and for the Rags which are now almost obligatory encores. The ensemble will be playing a different programme at the Wigmore Hall on Sunday morning.

Hilary Finch



Very much the centre of attention: "Mary, Countess Howe" (1764)

Great likeness

GALLERY

The Earl and Countess Howe
Kenwood

The Earl and Countess Howe are reunited at Kenwood (until October 30) as part of the bicentenary celebrations of Gainsborough's death. The Earl is shown in the everyday uniform of a commodore, some 30 years before he won the first decisive naval battle of the Revolutionary Wars on June 1, 1794. The famous portrait of his wife in her pink dress and Lehigh hat can normally be seen at Kenwood as part of the *Ivagh Bequest*, but the more workmanlike portrait of him has been brought from Penn House. The exhibition is ostensibly built round the juxtaposition of the two portraits, though at times one feels every exhibit is produced merely to elaborate on the artist's achievements in "Mary, Countess Howe".

Reynolds's "Mrs Thomas Riddell" is painted against a sky as alarming as that in the Kenwood picture, though it proves more flattering to the Countess. Reynolds has taken greater compositional and technical risks. The Countess is posed when seen beside Mrs Riddell's natural walk. Yet the organizers of the ex-

hibition manage to show Gainsborough's Countess rising above these comparisons, whilst at the same time claiming similar advantages for the Countess's portrait over that of her husband.

X-rays, infra-red and mere human eyes tell us that Gainsborough expended more energy on the Countess than her husband. "Richard, 1st Earl Howe" is not innovative. The painter has created a Romantic vision with a nonchalant ease that appears to match the sitter's character. The future Vice Admiral of England stands in a static position with his feet crossed, a far cry from the contemporary depiction of Keppel, another Commodore, by Reynolds. Sadly the exhibition only gives a mezzotint after the lively Reynolds portrait: a direct comparison would have been a distinct bonus.

The main focus of this small, unassuming exhibition is in the first large room which contains the most important pictures. The smaller rooms act as appendices. There is a section devoted to Howe's naval career and another to the Countess's clothes. The latter is ruined by a "re-interpretation" using modern fabrics, which would not even be allowed to grace an Oxford Street window display. It certainly emphasizes the differences between Gainsborough's age and ours.

Alistair Hicks

Dream of a partnership

THEATRE

The Sneezes
Aldwych

Cheryl Campbell and Timothy West

Miss Campbell makes judiciously separated appearances as the narcissistically grieving widow in *The Bear*, and as the bouncy bride-to-be in *The Proposal*: a role in which she performs a stunning volte-face from proprietorial outrage to marital pursuit. "Get him back," she shrieks, on learning her land-grabbing visitor's unspoken intentions, hurling herself headlong across a sofa and flailing her ringleted head over the edge like a rag-doll. That is the kind of energy and lightning reversal that holds the production aloft like a ball on a fountain.

The main weight of the show is carried by the two men: West a specialist in rhinoceros-horned spleen and flute-hearted geniality, with the physique of a brutal bulak; Atkinson, a comic one-man band with a range from deflating vengeance to the last twitch of squirming frustration.

Both are combined in his opening number, as a renowned author sitting through an interminable reading by a lady playwright, anticipating every situation, every line, awakening from a tortured snooze to find she is still on Act One, and finally bringing the work to an end with the aid of a conveniently sharp fruit knife. This piece, *Drama*, also gives you

the measure of Frayn's adaptations; beginning by frankly acknowledging its narrative origin, and then proceeding to virtuosos tricks of pantomime, and the transformation of the lady's reading into gibberish as it appears on the receiving end.

The title piece almost entirely dispenses with words. On a stage (sets by Mark Thompson) featuring a cut-out ballet audience, Atkinson as a lowly government clerk stationed behind a lordly bemuddled superior whom he is desperate not to offend.

From his first sneeze you know that disaster is inevitable; a certainty that Atkinson marvellously elaborates with pantomime conversation, suicidal cleansing operations on the gleaming bald head, and a final boat-burning ascent into comic nightmare when he quits his seat and becomes one of the dancers. It is undoubtedly Chekhov, but it could easily have been one of Atkinson's original solos.

West is at his fire-breathing best as the creditor turned author in *The Bear*, memorably seen opening his heart to Cheryl Campbell while both are struggling for possession of a duelling pistol. More important, though, is the close rapport he develops with Atkinson; sometimes taking the comic upper hand, as an appalling chauvinistic landowner lordling it over a French tutor, or as an old neighbour sparring with the pipsqueak suitor in *The Proposal*. It is an unlikely partnership and it works like a dream.

Irving Wardle

Rolling nowhere interesting

ROCK

Steve Winwood
Albert Hall

Despite a burst of activity in the Sixties, when he was a featured musician in the Spencer Davis Group, Traffic and Blind Faith before the age of 21, Steve Winwood has built a career on the principles of taking his time and doing things his own way. Loosely speaking, he took the Seventies off, but has become an Eighties phenomenon, especially in America where the *Let It Roll* album

and single were both recently at No.1 in the charts.

The languid pacing and virtual non-presentation of his show suggested a continuing inclination to heed the dictates of his own severely laid-back musical metabolism. Heading an eight-piece band consisting mostly of veteran session musicians and incorporating a two-man horn section, Winwood occasionally played guitar, but more often led from behind a variety of keyboards: the buzzy synthesizer for "While You See A Chance", an acoustic grand piano for a leaden version of "Low Spark Of High Heeled Boys" and the redoubtable Hammond organ for "Freedom Overspill" and the really old chestnuts "I'm A Man" and "Gimme Some Loving".

As ever, his vocals rang out high and strong, but while Winwood has received blanket approval for the soulful (some would even say gospel) edge to his singing, to me his voice sounded brittle and lacking in warmth; distinctive certainly, but with a harsh quality

and the sort of limited dynamic range one would expect to hear from someone shouting through a megaphone.

The band, driven by the exceptional drummer, Russ Kunkel, kept the beat perfectly in the pocket, but there was too little variation in Winwood's ultra-refined white funk rhythms, and no hint of drama or tension in the ensemble's musically staid, adult politesse. The audience loved it and were soon jiggling merrily in the aisles to the reliable beat of "Roll With It", "Valerie" and "Higher Love".

Rock performers and their audiences have grown up, and no one would expect a high energy show from someone like Steve Winwood. But one would still hope for a little more in the way of stagecraft and entertainment than was evident at this drab and featureless affair. If rock concerts get any less exciting it will be time to start taking the knitting.

David Sinclair

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

FERBLET

(b) An effeminate male, or effeminate as an adjective, perhaps from the Old English *ferhten* soft: "Every last ferblet had the distinct impression he was a born gentleman."

DRAGONNADE

(c) Military persecution, from the time of Louis XIV who used to punish the Protestants for their religion by sending his dragons to fire with and off them. It was supported by the authority of a great king, and the terror of ill usage, and a dragoonade in conclusion.

ANDROPHONE

(a) A haze of males, from the Greek *aner*, and *phone* male + -phone: "Cursing Lesbians, campaigning feminists, woman, and such dedicated androphobes."

QUILLER

(d) A fledgling, bird not fully fledged, that is still putting on its quills. Lyric: "O Sir, your chin is but a quillier yet, you will be most unquillier when it is full fledged."

Odd and indigent couple

Lilly and May
Gate Theatre

The Australian success of this slight two-hander is hard to understand. Beckett's down-and-outs are obvious relatives of these Melbourne bag-ladies who sulk, threaten to separate and are contemptuous of the world. But the play lacks dramatic pretext and it is an omission made odd by their awareness of our presence — "Look, May, customers. Nice song and dance for customers."

They lean against the stage walls, cage for money and, when May eventually exits, it is through the rear door, giving us a glimpse of the box office table and stairway down into Notting Hill.

If the question: "Why are they telling us this?" is put aside for a moment, the other question,

"What are they actually telling us?" is no easier to answer. The tattered pair recall a trip to the country, where a great, thudding animal (coolly unidentified) came between them. On cold nights May chases Lilly to warm themselves up. The incident, announced by off-stage music as crucial, is their response to Albinoni's famous tune. They hum and la-la-la to it with full throated enjoyment and when the surging melody cuts out, May has become a sort of daddy and Lilly a mummy, looking down into their battered pram where a doll does duty for a child. Frustrated parenthood seems part of the trouble.

Their oddities are contrasted: May (played by the author, Patricia Cornelius) is lumpish, sexually timid and wears trousers; Lilly (Susie Dee) has memories of some sexual acts, is chipper, frenetic and speaks in a husky,

little girl voice, possibly intended to suggest repressed emotion, but growing tiresome when unvaried at length.

Uncertainty of purpose continues right to the end. With May somewhere out in W8, Lilly remains on stage, possibly back in Melbourne, pushing the pram in an endless circle while the light fades. But the play is not rich enough to let us see this image as anything other than what it looks like: an actress pushing a pram around.

Performances are wistful, energetic, alarmed in turn, but the polish acquired by frequent playing has hardened into high gloss, and should somehow be roughened. When Lilly asks for money, try giving her some, to see what happens.

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BOOKS

No bang, lots of whimper

Peter Ackroyd on the letters of a public success and private misery

On April 7, 1921 T.S. Eliot wrote an extremely interesting and significant letter to Richard Aldington which, among other things, expressed his "profound hatred for democracy". You will not find it in this volume. For reasons at which one can only guess, it has been omitted by Eliot's editor and widow. It can hardly be for want of space, since she has decided to include letters from other people as well as those from her husband — an inconsequential letter from Aldington to Eliot, which takes up a whole page here, could easily have been replaced. It can hardly be for lack of interest, since there is plenty of material here which — to put it mildly — is of no great import. Is it a fake? No, it is in what might be described as Eliot's house style. Has it been wrongly dated? All the internal evidence points to April 1921. And surely its omission can have nothing to do with Eliot's statement of his "profound hatred for democracy" — by now it ought to be common knowledge that he was as authoritarian in political affairs as he was in literary matters.

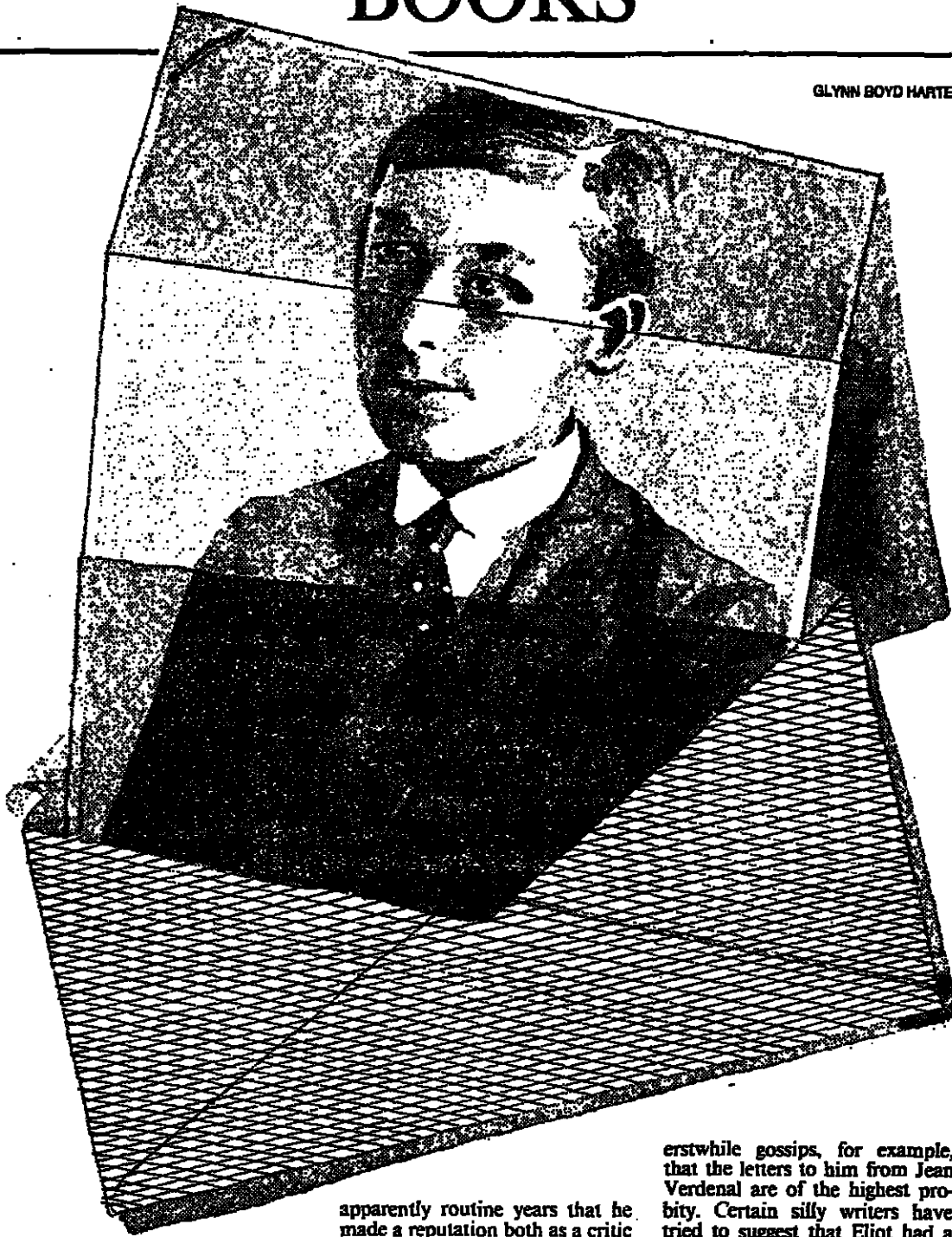
Whatever the reason, the fact remains that this highly significant letter does not appear in a collection that is supposed to be definitive. Similarly, the editor has passed over some of Eliot's letters to Wyndham Lewis while including others, and those who seek in this volume for a complete picture of Eliot may have cause to wonder on what principle of selection she worked. There is no mention of the subject in her very brief introduction. For the scholar, in other words, the book will be of necessarily limited value. To any general reader who

chances upon it, it may also be something of a disappointment.

This is largely because of the nature of the man. He was not a great or even a good letter-writer, and for much of the period covered by this first volume he used the Royal Mail as a vehicle for his complaints and for the airing of his various minor illnesses. The thin mosquito whine of self-indulgent misery is to be heard on almost any occasion — almost but not quite, since in early years he displayed more bravado.

V.S. Pritchett once described him as "a company of actors inside one suit" and here are examples of the youthful Eliot as the comic singer, the parodist, the dirty-minded lyricist, and the sharp-tongued sophistic. And, since he was something of a literary ventriloquist, he tends to address his correspondents in borrowed tones — the letters to Pound might have been composed by Pound himself, the letters to academics could not be more academic, and so on. Anyone who wants to understand the strident personality of the man who wrote *The Waste Land* will find ample evidence here. He was also a keen observer of other people's follies, and there are some characteristically waspish asides on his contemporaries. He describes Katherine Mansfield, for example, as "one of the most persistent and thick-skinned toadies and one of the vilest women". No wonder his contemporary at Harvard, Conrad Aiken, gave him the nickname of "Tsetse".

But the acidulous high spirits were only intermittent; and this volume charts the progress of a poet who never seemed able to enjoy his fame, and for whom, from the age of maturity, life became one long ordeal by fire.



GLYNN BOYD HART

THE LETTERS OF
T. S. ELIOT
Volume One, 1898-1922
Edited by Valerie Eliot
Faber, £25

After a cosseted childhood in St Louis and a period at Harvard, he could not resist the blandishments of the Old World — or what, in a vague manner, he called "Europe". He took up graduate studies at Oxford, but within a relatively short time made his way to London. It was here, under the auspices of Ezra Pound and the Bloomsberries, that he began a career in which public success was matched only by private unhappiness.

He was a schoolmaster, and then a banker; but it was in these

apparently routine years that he made a reputation both as a critic and as a poet. By the time this volume ends, he has written *The Waste Land* and has published that wonderful collection of essays, *The Sacred Wood*. Of course he has also married Vivien Haigh-Wood, and the results of that hasty and unfortunate union are to be found in Eliot's increasingly shrill complaints. He was the strangest combination of intellectual seriousness and emotional immaturity, and that great divide within his life is easily recognizable in his correspondence: in his thirties he is writing to his mother as if he were still an adolescent, while at the same time lecturing his contemporaries on modern taste.

These are not astonishing revelations, however, and any fresh information in this volume tends to be of a negative kind — it will come as a disappointment to

erstwhile gossips, for example, that the letters to him from Jean Verdenal are of the highest probity. Certain silly writers have tried to suggest that Eliot had a "homosexual" passion for this gentleman when they were both young students in Paris, but this is quite clearly not the case. The only thing they got excited about was philosophy.

It is hard to believe, then, that anyone without a prior interest in Eliot will derive much instruction or amusement from this volume. And it has to be said that it is unlikely to do much to enhance his reputation, either as a writer or as a man. It is a matter of opinion whether Eliot, who forbade any biography, was right to sanction (as his wife reports) the publication of private letters which show him in so distinctly unflattering a light. It is unquestionable however, that the publishers ought to have made it much clearer that these are selected letters only — even if the criteria for that selection are not apparent.

A myth as good as a mile

NOVEL
OF THE WEEK

Andrew Sinclair

THE LYRE OF
ORPHEUS
By Robertson Davies
Viking, £11.95

The Lyre of Orpheus opens the door of the underworld. That was the phrase of E. T. A. Hoffmann, and this last and best of Robertson Davies's trilogy of novels about the influence of the mysterious, wealthy Canadian painter, Francis Cornish, involves the mounting of an unfinished Hoffmann opera by the Cornish Foundation. The opera is called *Arthur of Britain* or *The Magnanimous Cuckold*. The head of the Foundation is also called Arthur and becomes a magnanimous cuckold. Everybody connected with the work plays out their part in the legend, even sitting at a Round Table and taking dried fruit and nuts from a silver Platter of Plenty. Hoffmann's ghost comments pleasantly on the undertaking in a voice from beyond the probable. And finally, all the characters agree that everybody's life has a buried myth. The thing is to disinter it with feeling.

Robertson Davies directs his people through their set pieces like a ribald ringmaster. His characters jump through hoops of fire, digging us in the ribs on the way. They are both touching and uproarious, particularly the formidable Professor Gunilla Dahl-Soot, a lesbian Viking with two hollow legs, and an appealing graduate student called Schnak, a musical prodigy whose thesis is to complete Hoffmann's score.

As in the novels of Dickens, Davies has compassion for his comic creations. First, he punctures pretension, then he puffs true emotion. His replaying of the legends of Camelot is described as an allegory of the questing romantic spirit, which anybody of sensibility may pursue. He makes his members of the Foundation Board self-conscious about acting out their ancient roles in the way that the educated should be aware of their antecedents. He laughs with his people, not at them, although occasionally his deep chuckle overwhelms his artful craft. *The Hunting of the Snark* is used as a commentary on the *encore of the Morte d'Arthur*, with

Lewis Carroll having the last laugh on Malory, and with the Boojum representing the Grail. This is a bit too rich, rather like whipped cream topping champagne.

The human comedy of *The Lyre of Orpheus* strikes a Platonic chord. The dead Cornish, known as the great exposé of art forgeries, is proved to have faked the Renaissance *chef d'oeuvre* of his collection; the picture is said to be by "The Alchemical Master". His money solves all, for his period imitation comes to be recognized as an exercise in a special area of expertise and is enshrined in a new wing of the National Gallery of Canada, while Schnak's completion of Hoffmann's music and an ersatz 19th-century libretto receive plaudits at the Stratford Festival in Ontario. The false becomes the true by acclaim, for it is genuine work which turns the undone or the unfinished into the visible and the audible. By their forged works, we shall know how expert they were — and the author is. The extracts from the libretto in the novel are baroque pearls of late Georgian bad taste.

In the fairyland between the legendary and the actual, on the comic stage between the farcical and the fell, Robertson Davies writes with a mastery of pastiche, a warmth of humour, and an ease of construction. He is epigrammatic without condescension and wise without preaching from a pulpit. His gypsy Yerko, who organizes the chase to applaud the opera, says, "Lies keep the teeth white." In the case of Robertson Davies, his pen sharpens our wits.

The land of lost content

Whether in the woodland brown... By Piers Browne, for A Shropshire Lad by A.E. Housman (Ashford Press, £20). In a foreword Kingsley Amis writes: "A.E. Housman became my favourite poet when I was a boy. Anybody who meets the poems in these fine pages is lucky indeed."



NEW HARDBACKS

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Recovery of haunted pasts

FICTION

Elaine Feinstein

A WEDDING OF COUSINS

By Emma Tennant

Viking, £11.95

FORGOTTEN LIFE

By Brian Aldiss

Gollancz, £11.95

LIKE MOTHER

By Jenny Diski

Bloomsbury, £12.95

Investigations of the haunted past possess all these novels. In *A Wedding of Cousins*, Emma Tennant takes us back to the Fifties, a few years on in her recollections of the rich and immortal Lovescombe family she drew so brilliantly in *The House of Hospitality*. Her adolescent narrator, Jenny, is trying now to reject the fascination of her old school friend Amy, but she is still caught between longing for the privileged world of Castle Azby and her inability to cope with its pitiless assurance. Characters from the first novel return: Jenny's Aunt Babs, with her stall in the Portobello Road; Candida, odiously triumphant as head girl, with a magnificent sapphire engagement ring; the gypsy beauty Carmen, whose cruises with Greek tycoons give her disturbing insights into Lovescombe financial dealings; and Mick Scupper, whose barrow-boy flash and Aryan good looks are in part responsible for Amy's need to make a loveless marriage.

Miss Tennant is a poet with a brutal tale to tell. There is a marvellously funny episode in Harrods' bridal department. Miss Tennant handles both scenes in the same calm and meditative voice in which the act of memory is offered as the entry to a continuous presence.

Forgotten Life is another kind of voyage into a remembered past. Clement, a north Oxford psychiatrist, puzzles over the papers of his dead brother Joseph. Clement is married to a hugely successful writer of science fiction, Sheila, whose recent infidelity has hurt him deeply. Aldiss understands north Oxford. He knows how academics hate fantasy, and are not especially cordial to success that comes from it. Nevertheless, the gritty actuality of the book belongs to Joseph, whose failure to settle down Clement partly envies, and to the Far East in wartime. Joseph is haunted by poetry; by Blake's advice to kiss the joy as it flies, which makes it impossible for him to make emotional commitments.

Clement has begun to understand that his own emotional life has been as warped by over-cerebral self-control as his brother's has been by indiscipline, and he begins to nose about in his brother's papers, obsessively looking for spiritual clues. Aldiss

doesn't cheat the reader; the secrets when they are found are revelatory. The quest takes us through the novel, but the memorable scenes are those of loss, the funeral of the mother, for example, with Joseph tramping round to find the grave of his mother's first-born child; and, sharpest of all, the scenes of Clement's pain in his paternal north Oxford house after his wife has decided to leave him.

In Jenny Diski's novel the damage done by childhood pain seems more or less irreparable. *Like Mother* is the story of Frances, and her refusal to allow herself to care for anything once she deduced that happiness was never likely to be permanent. She has been crippled by her parents' disastrously quarrelsome marriage. A drab Fifties shortage of money is claustrophobically evoked, alongside a gentility in which her drunken mother advises: "A lady is never seen without her pair of gloves." Fortunately for the novel, Frances herself has a lively, wicked centre of her own which she preserves through most of the book, using school-day naughtiness, experiments with sex and ether, and the lover who adores her equally. Sadly this mode of self-protection can only be self-destructive too, and when she finds out how talented a dancer she is, that also must be rejected.

Her tale is put into the imagined lips of her own brain-damaged baby, whose condition Frances approves as an image of her own pathological defence against hope. All this works much better than might be imagined, since for all her refusal to entertain hopes and fears, Frances is given a subversive honesty that is attractive.

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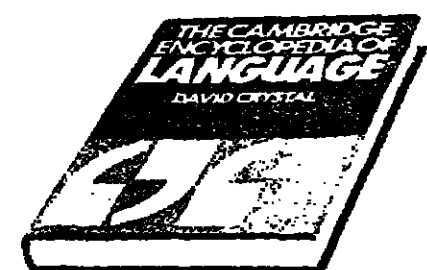
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FT-SE 100 1812.5 (+4.5)	W German mark 3.1664 (+0.0136)
USM (Datastream) 159.54 (-0.07)	Trade-weighted 75.8 (+0.2)

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

£41m offer for Pittard Garnar

Strong & Fisher, Britain's leading manufacturer of fashion leather, has launched a £41 million hostile bid for Pittard Garnar, in a move designed, it says, to preserve Britain's tanning industry.

The terms are three S&F shares and £11.50 in cash for every 10 Pittard shares, valuing each Pittard share at 190.5p at last night's closing prices. The shares closed 12p higher at 178p before the bid was announced.

The success of the bid could hinge on Hillsdown Holdings, the food group, which speaks for 70 per cent of the Pittard capital.

The bid will open up some old wounds. Pittard Garnar is the result of a merger between the Pittard Group of Yeovil and Leicester's Garnar Booth 18 months ago — a deal that was announced only a month after S&F had abandoned a £20 million bid for Garnar. S&F pulled out after the bid was referred to the Monopolies Commission. Its stake was sold to Hillsdown which mounted its own bid — which failed.

Fosco ahead

Fosco, the materials technology company, is raising its interim dividend from 3.5p to 4.2p a share following pre-tax profits of £21.1 million (£16.4 million) for the six months ended June 30.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York		
Dow Jones	2085.35	(+3.02)*
Tokyo		
Nikkei Average	27752.01	(+252.45)
Hong Kong		
Hang Seng	2449.75	(-16.52)
Amsterdam: Gen	270.7	(+0.5)
Sydney: AO	1545.4	(+2.1)
Frankfurt		
Commerzbank	1554.2	(-14.9)
Brussels:		
General	5235.3	(-9.6)
Paris: CAC	373.6	(-2.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	478.8	(+0.1)
London:		
FT-All-Share	937.79	(+3.56)
FT-30	1020.87	(+2.2)
FT-100	1020.87	(+2.2)
FT-Gold Mines	170.8	(+2.6)
FT-Fixed Interest	96.36	(same)
FT-Govt Secs	87.80	(+0.04)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	Telephone Rentals	335p (+124p)
	Candover	122p (+20p)
	Merlin Intnl	214p (+39p)
	Illingworth	316p (+18p)
	Helical Bar	216p (+30p)
	Renishaw	513p (+18p)
	Metal Box	256p (+20p)
	Bass	792p (+18p)
	Allied Lyons	454p (+16p)
	Lorito	347p (+19p)
	Pleasurama	228p (+14p)
	Ward Holdings	131p (+12p)
	Morgan Grenfell	281p (+11p)
	Christies Intnl	552p (+12p)
	Wills Faber	244p (+10p)
FALLS:	Granger	472p (-27p)
	MBS	425p (-12p)
	Closing prices	23112

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base:	12%
3-month interbank:	11 1/2% (11%)
3-month eligible bills:	11 1/2% (11%)
buying rate	
US Prime Rate:	10%
Federal Funds:	8 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills:	7.34-7.32%
30-year bonds:	10 1/2% (10 1/4%)

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£1.6865	\$1.6870
£2.1684	\$2.1675
£2.6841	\$2.6818
FF10.7784	FF6.3835
Yen226.16	Yen134.20
Index:75.8	Index:99.7
ECU £0.65516	SDR £0.70181

GOLD

London Fixing:	AM \$387.65 pm \$395.40
close \$395.25-395.75	(£234.75-235.25)
New York:	Comex \$395.50-396.00

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) 1 pm \$13.00bbl (\$13.82)
* Denotes latest trading price

STOCK WATCH

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Market news on Stock-watch yesterday included: in a dull market after the trade figures, Cable and Wireless (01820) gained 3p after bidding for Telephone Rentals (02118), which gained 120p; Pleasurama (02209) went 14p higher and Myson (02175) put on 10p on bid hopes; SR Gent (01885) gained 7p on a profits increase.

Recent additions include: Pleasurama 74% conv pref 03455; Cupid 03453; Alida 9.5% pref 03445; Hampson 6.5% conv pref 03444. ● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

Swiss Bank Corp denies possibility of insider trading by subsidiary

DTI and ConsGold to meet

By Colin Campbell and Richard Thomson

Department of Trade and Industry officials are to meet Consolidated Gold Fields to discuss Minorco's record-breaking £2.9 billion bid.

Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has suggested to Mr Rudolph Agnew, chairman of ConsGold, that a meeting be arranged between DTI and ConsGold officials, to obtain further details of trading in ConsGold shares and options, which in turn could be passed to the Stock Exchange.

The DTI has told ConsGold that where appropriate the Stock Exchange informs the DTI of its findings, and if necessary, then appoints its own inspectors. It is understood that the DTI may depart from its usual practice and name the inspectors should it

decide to appoint them.

Meanwhile, Swiss Bank Corporation yesterday denied the possibility that insider dealing, through its subsidiary Savory Milin, was involved in the huge purchases of ConsGold shares and share options before Minorco's bid.

Suspicion was aroused because SBC's London office is leading a syndicate of banks, believed to include Dresdner and Citibank, which is supplying about £1 billion of financing for Minorco's bid. At the same time, most of the share and option purchases were carried out by SBC's London securities arm, Savory Milin. In many cases, SBC itself acted as agent for clients wanting to buy the options.

SBC first learned about the intended bid when Minorco approached it in the week beginning September 5 to discuss the possibility of financing arrangements. A

spokesman for SBC and Savory Milin said no one at Savory was told of the bid plans.

"Nobody at Savory knew anything about it at any stage prior to the bid announcement," he added, that after the announcement, Savory advised clients to reject the bid. Only the compliance department, which covers both SBC's London branch and Savory, stood above the Chinese wall separating the two businesses and knew of the bid.

At the same time, however, SBC's London branch was itself involved in purchasing ConsGold shares and options, through Savory, on behalf of clients, after the bank became involved in the bid. The bank was acting as an agency broker taking orders from clients, and not on a discretionary basis.

ConsGold became so concerned that it invoked Section 212 of the Companies Act to discover who owned the shares. SBC supplied the

information, adding that it had acted as buyer on behalf of several clients.

The SBC spokesman said: "We knew our position in this was likely to give rise to misinterpretation, but we decided that it was more important to do the right thing. We were aware of the problems but decided to continue with the Minorco deal."

ConsGold's concern over the ownership of the options was sparked by a surge in stock market activity during September. In the days before the bid, 8 million shares, amounting to 4 per cent of ConsGold, was under option.

SBC insists, however, that its clients had begun buying significant amounts of ConsGold options four or five weeks before the bank knew of the Minorco bid early this month. "There was a steady pattern to the buying and nothing changed after SBC became aware of the bid," the bank said.

He added: "As far as we are aware at present, we have no reason to be concerned that there was a breach of confidentiality." No one at Savory Milin or SBC dealt in ConsGold shares from about July onwards.

The latest developments in the campaign to keep ConsGold out of the clutches of the South African-controlled Minorco group followed a day when British banks are said to have shied away from helping Minorco with bid financing.

"We are reliably informed that no British bank, not even those with whom we do not have a particularly friendly relationship, is prepared to help a South African-backed group take control of ConsGold," the mining house said.

SBC admitted it was leading a syndicate to raise money for the Minorco bid, but declined to name the syndicate members or the amount involved.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday, suggestions were rife that Minorco, aware that ConsGold shareholders may be reluctant to accept Minorco shares as part of the takeover offer, is preparing to sweeten its terms by offering all cash and putting a valuation of at least £15 on each ConsGold share.

An all-cash offer would, however, defeat one of Minorco's prime objectives of diluting the 60 per cent control position of Anglo American and De Beers down to 40 per cent.

Minorco's formal offer is for one of its shares plus £19 cash for every two shares in ConsGold. At the time of the formal bid last week, ConsGold shares were valued at £13.06 each under Minorco's terms. ConsGold shares were trading at £14 each at one stage.

Last night they closed 38p higher at £13.13, after touching £13.23.

Cable launches a £284m TR bid

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Cable and Wireless, the international group that owns Mercury Communications, set the stage for another City take-over battle by making a long-awaited bid for Telephone Rentals.

The cash offer, which values the business telephone systems suppliers at £284 million, was applauded in the City as a logical move for C&W, enhancing Mercury's ability to compete with British Telecom.

TR made it clear it would resist the "wholly inadequate" unsolicited offer. TR shares leapt by 123p to 334p, ahead of the 305p per share bid, but C&W's shares also advanced, ending 3p up at 388p.

The announcement, caused initial confusion at TR whose managing director, Mr Gus Moore, was on the way from the group's Milton Keynes headquarters to complete an acquisition by TR in London.

TR also announced the £13

million purchase of the remaining 86 per cent of the fast-growing Carphone group, the fourth largest retailer of cellular telephones in Britain. Carphone made £1.25 million pre-tax profits in the year to March.

C&W wants to put Telephone Rentals together with its Mercury network so that it can provide business customers with a full service.

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Mr Gordon Owen, Mercury's managing director, said: "Buying TR would allow us to get right to our customers. We are the body and the arms and TR is the hands."

TR has about 8 per cent of the business exchange market compared with BT's 70-80 per cent. Mercury would therefore benefit from access to TR's

20,000 customers, at least half of which are thought not to be Mercury customers. It would probably also allow existing Mercury customers who still rely on BT's engineering capability to put more of their business with Mercury.

Mr Jack Summerscale of the securities group BZW said that buying TR would put the final piece in Mercury's jigsaw. "It would improve their credibility in the telecommunications market and speed up the gains in Mercury's market share," he said.

But Mr Moore made it clear that C&W might have a tough fight on its hands. "Because of our strengths, we have lived for years with people speculating about our future. But the City knows that TR has a very independent mind and that we plan our own future," he said.

Mr Moore acknowledged that there would be commercial benefits in linking Mercury with Telephone Rentals.



Opening up the lines: Gordon Owen, Mercury's managing director, yesterday (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Lawson urges IMF to take firm line with debtor nations

From Bailey Morris, West Berlin

Lending money to debtor nations which do not put their economies in order was "just like throwing money down the drain," Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said yesterday.

He made the comment in an interview with the BBC in Berlin in which he also said that the International Monetary Fund's "good housekeeping seal of approval" was necessary to keep the debtor nations on the right track.

In his final press conference before leaving the annual meetings of the IMF and the World Bank, Mr Lawson said the fund should be the lead agency in negotiating economic restructuring programmes with debtor nations, and that it should take a very strong approach.

A proposed \$1.25 billion (£744 million) loan programme for Argentina is the catalyst for a spirited argument over which agency should take precedence in writing the economic prescriptions which will allow nations to grow out of their debt and qualify for new loans.

He said that although the World Bank had a role to play in resolving the protracted problems of middle income debtors, there was still no substitute for an IMF economic programme.

The loan for Argentina marks the first time the World Bank has taken the lead in negotiating a financing package tied to macroeconomic reforms that some of the big donor nations fear would be less stringent than the IMF's



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demands. The row over Argentina heightened the debate at the meetings over whether the industrialized nations are on the right course to resolve the debt crisis.

There are concerns that M Michel Camdessus, the IMF managing director, has ceded too much power to the Bank in dealing with middle-income debtor nations, and is trying to get it back, by proposing an IMF broader role.

Japan's new debt initiative drew a mixed response. Details of the plan, which envisions the securitization of some of the debt and the creation of reserve accounts funded by the debtor nations but held in trust by the IMF, are hazy.

Mr Lawson said he found the plan "a little bit elusive" but would welcome it if it fitted into the framework of the current debt strategy. The plan would not be welcome if it involved a transfer of risk from private to public sector.

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Firm shut as £1m is missing

By Lawrence Lever

Police are investigating an investment company which has been closed down with almost £1 million of investors' money missing.

The Luton company, called Bestdown Limited, came under suspicion following complaints from investors who were unable to recover their money. Luton's fraud squad was called in after inquiries by the Department of Trade and Industry, the Securities and Investments Board, and the accountant Spicer & Oppenheim.

Bestdown, which has offices at Luton airport and two places in Hertfordshire, has been provisionally wound up by the DTI. Spicer & Oppenheim has been appointed special manager. Bestdown had been trading unlawfully under the new investor protection legislation. The DTI said it was "too early to give any indication whether investors will recover any of their money."

Investors with Bestdown should send details to Mr Nicholas Lyle, Spicer & Oppenheim, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London, EC3N 2NP.

Tesco shares fall on interim £110m

By Alexandra Jackson

Tesco increased its profits in the six months to mid-August from £90.6 million to £110 million, despite a dull food retailing market.

Underlying sales growth was a modest 1 1/2 per cent although the total advance, including inflation of 3 1/2 per cent and new openings of 11 per cent, was 16 per cent up from £1.8 billion to £2.1 billion.

Mr David Malpas, managing director of Tesco, admitted that the underlying growth was a little disappointing. The shares reflected the market's disillusionment with the figures, falling 4p to 132p.

Nevertheless, Tesco increased its net margins from 5.1 per cent to 5.3 per cent in the half year, compared with 5.9 per cent at the last year-end. Sainsbury's last reported net retail margin was 6.6 per cent. Tesco also increased its market share of the £34 billion grocery and fresh food market from 7.8 per cent to 8 per cent. Sainsbury enjoys 9 1/2 per cent of this market.

Mr Ian MacLaurin, Tesco's chairman, said: "We are very pleased with the half year performance and are con-

fident about the prospects for the full year and beyond. Even if the overall market remains dull, there is still a lot Tesco can do to increase its profitability."

Tesco opened nine stores in the half year while a dozen stores were closed, leaving a total of 363 supermarkets extending over 8.3 million square feet. A further seven stores will open this year.

The Hillards stores acquired last year accounted for 3 per cent of Tesco's sales growth and should make £25 million this year. Tesco is on course to open seven distribution centres during 1989. The completion of an £86 million investment programme will result in 90 per cent of the group's needs being met from 14 distribution centres.

Electronic point-of-sales equipment has been installed in 23 Tesco stores, a dozen more will be converted by the year-end, and a further 60 during 1989-90.

Tesco declared an interim dividend of 1.175p, up from 1p in 1987. Shareholders may receive shares in lieu of dividends.

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Edelman call for Lonrho inquiry by SE

Mr Asher Edelman, the American corporate raider who has built a 4.7 per cent holding in Lonrho, is to press for a Stock Exchange investigation into statements by directors of the group.

This follows Lonrho's refusal to meet a deadline of 5.30 pm yesterday set by Mr Edelman for replies to questions arising from the statement last weekend by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, Lonrho's chief executive, that his company had a breakup value of £4 billion. The figure was neither supported by audited figures nor released to shareholders through official Stock Exchange channels. Lonrho says it will reply to Mr Edelman in due course.

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Survey maps out the future as demand changes

'Mega-chains' set to dominate hotels

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The number of international travellers is set to double in the next 20 years, ushering in an era of change for the hotel business as big chains become more dominant and customer demands alter.

Businessmen are likely to expect office workstations in their hotel rooms as two clear trends emerge. One is for higher quality hotels with improved leisure and other facilities; the other for more value-for-money no-frills establishments for tourists.

This picture of likely developments facing the hotel business worldwide emerges from a study carried out by Horwath & Horwath, the hotel and leisure consultant, for the International Hotel Association (IHA). The IHA represents 300,000 hotels in 142 countries and wanted a world blueprint to underpin hoteliers' development planning for the next 25 years.

It comes as Britain has been establishing a leading presence among what the

report calls the "mega-chains" — the relatively few national and international operators which include Hyatt, Ramada and Sheraton in the United States, Britain's Trusthouse Forte, the Pacific Rim's Mandarin and Accor of France.

The British stake has been boosted by Ladbroke's takeover of the Hilton chain and Bass's of Holiday Inns International although Grand Metropolitan's decision to sell its Intercontinental chain reflects the need for mega-chains in order to compete internationally.

The single most important issue facing the industry is identified as human resources. In developing countries the industry finds it hard to find enough trained staff, particularly those with requisite languages. Equally, in developed countries, the coming fall in school and college leavers will mean recruitment problems which can be compounded by the industry's poor image.

One of the many recommendations of the report is to tackle the human resources problem by increased mobility of labour between countries, with a

consequent need for more education and training, and the recruitment of older workers to fill gaps.

A 25-year growth trend of 4 per cent a year worldwide is forecast for the industry. Among the factors being increasing frequency of holidays, greater disposable income for tourists who are also getting older and better educated, more working women and cheaper air transport.

The main international traffic flows which have been highly concentrated in and between Western Europe and North America are expected to expand to countries in Eastern Europe, China, the Far East and the Pacific.

The main downside problems are seen as air space and airport congestion and exchange rate changes leading to large demand fluctuations unless, as is hoped will be achieved, the main tourist prices are quoted in a basket of currencies such as the European currency unit.

Hotels of the Future: strategies and action plan, £40 for summary or £250 for full report from Horwath & Horwath UK, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

TR trust urges rejection of 'low' Coal pensions bid

By Lawrence Lever

TR Industrial & General, Britain's third largest investment trust, has urged its shareholders to reject the hostile takeover bid made by the British Coal Pension Funds.

In its defence document, published yesterday, TRIG says the £129.5p cash bid is far too low.

As the bid represents only 91.8 per cent of TRIG's £510 million net asset value, it is unlikely to succeed unless it is increased, the group says.

TRIG says the absence of any share or loan note alternative from British Coal would expose its shareholders to an unwelcome capital gains tax liability.

British Coal holds 35 per cent of TRIG and its takeover bid is significant for the investment trust sector and Touche Remnant, the fund

management group which runs TRIG.

There have been several bids for investment trusts over the past year by groups keen to profit from the gap between the trusts' share price and the higher value of the assets under management. However, the bid for TRIG is by far the largest.

"Is the investment trust sector to be a slaughterhouse for institutions such as the Coal Board?" asked Mr Paul Manduca, manager of TRIG, yesterday.

The group has complained to the Office of Fair Trading about the British Coal bid.

The offer also casts doubt on the future of Touche Remnant, which has been unsettled by boardroom disputes and predators bidding for other trusts under its man-

agement. TRIG owns 27.8 per cent of Touche and if the British Coal bid succeeds, this stake would probably be distributed among the diminishing number of investment trusts managed by Touche.

This would make Touche vulnerable to a takeover by someone picking off the remaining trusts.

British Coal has been a long-standing and substantial shareholder of TRIG. Mr David Prosser, former chief of British Coal's investment side, had considerable respect for Mr Manduca and supported the trust.

He left at the beginning of this year to join Legal & General, which has taken a 4.8 per cent stake in TRIG.

After his departure, British Coal increased its stake in TRIG to 35 per cent — a level

which automatically triggers a full-scale bid.

In the past five years, TRIG has produced a 15.1 per cent annual return on assets and 16.5 per cent annual rise in its share price.

Sir Anthony Touche, the TRIG chairman, said: "The British Coal Pension Funds are seeking to exploit the undervaluation of investment trust company shares to acquire TRIG's diversified portfolio for far less than they would have to pay in the open market, to the detriment of TRIG's shareholders."

To whet the appetite of its shareholders, TRIG announced an interim dividend of 1.2p a share yesterday.

The group said it expected to recommend total dividends of 2.8p for the full year, a 16.7 per cent increase on last time.

Illingworth price up on approach

Shares in Illingworth Morris, the Yorkshire wool textile company, gained 35p to 211p after it announced it had received an approach which may lead to a bid. At that price, the group is capitalized at £52 million.

Allied Textile, the Huddersfield group, is thought to be the predator.

Any bid would need the agreement of Mr Alan Lewis, the chairman of Illingworth Morris, who holds 51 per cent of the shares.

In the black

Ranco Oil Services, the corrosion control services supplier, reported pre-tax profits of £150,000, up from a £125,000 loss, for the six months to June 30. Turnover fell to £1.76 million (£4.28 million). No interim dividend was declared.

Tip advance

Tip-Europe, the trailer rental group, unveiled a 25 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £7.2 million to £9 million for the year to end-July, on income up £2 million to £34.7 million. The final dividend is 2.8p, making 4.2p.

Kentish ahead

Kentish Property Group, the London residential developer, increased pre-tax profits 23.9 per cent to £1.97 million on turnover up 57.4 per cent to £14.4 million for the six months to June 30. The interim payout is 1.5p.

BFG increase

British Fittings Group, the plumbing suppliers, raised pre-tax profits from £1.2 million to £2.2 million in the first half of the year. Sales rose from £17.2 million to £28.4 million. The interim dividend of 1.135p (1.032p).

Profits jump

Randworth Trust, the property company, boosted pre-tax profits to £6.4 million for the year to June 30, from £2.1 million for the previous 13 months. A final dividend of 1.5p a share makes 2.5p (1p).

Star higher

Star Computer Group raised pre-tax profits in the year to June 30 from £1 million to £1.2 million. Turnover expanded from £11.3 million to £12.7 million. The dividend is held at 1.5p.

B&C deal

Atlantic Computers, the British & Commonwealth Holdings computer services offshoot, is buying Datalease Corp of the US for an undisclosed sum.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Sky's the limit for Sir Eric with Mercury

City memories flashed back 20 years yesterday to the famous occasion when Telephone Rentals managed to fight off a bid from Lord Weinstock's then all-conquering GEC. In that celebrated battle, it was defended by Charles Ball of Kleinwort Benson who is now, as Sir Charles, chairman of TR. The canny Sir Eric Sharpe of Cable & Wireless caught TR momentarily napping yesterday with Sir Charles on a walking holiday in Devon, its finance director in Majorca and managing director Gus Moore en route to sign TR's own purchase of Carphone. But by the afternoon the team was soon re-united in Kleinwort's offices, rejecting Sir Eric's belated offer of talks and raising the prospect of white knights rushing to TR's rescue.

But there the similarities surely end since TR now seems unlikely to retain its independence. Big shareholders are not so loyal after some disappointing years: the argument is over price. C & W's bid may value TR at almost 22 times last year's earnings and way ahead of the pre-bid price. But TR is about to reap the benefit from costly years of upgrading its old installations to digital systems. Profits are now likely to start booming ahead from last year's £20 million to almost £24 million this year and perhaps £28 million in 1989 on BZW's estimate.

As the market quickly sensed C &

W can also afford to pay more if, in the tactical game, Kleinwort can conjure up credible alternative bidders to force Sir Eric's hand. This is because putting together Mercury and TR would create enormous benefits to C & W. If ever a bid had commercial logic this is it. The logic has been suggested by analysts for years. Sir Eric seems to have waited only until Mercury was big enough to absorb TR without becoming more of a business rental company than a network operator.

It is not just that TR would bring a strong new customer base and Mercury would be able to offer them a fully integrated service for the first time. Many Mercury customers also have to keep in with British Telecom by giving it more of their business than they would like because they presently have to rely on BT, which dominates the PABX market, for its engineering and systems capability.

If existing Mercury customers put more of their calls through its capacious network the net cost of buying TR could come down dramatically. Indeed BZW's Jack Summerscale thinks these benefits could be greater than TR's own profit contribution, providing a rare example of a takeover that actually enhances competition.

One gold, four also-rans

Trade figures, who needs them? They do not worry the gold medal Chancellor, not in public anyway.

Nigel Lawson used his IMF platform in West Berlin to develop his theme that current account deficits are not in themselves a problem, unless accompanied by a budget deficit. In other words, while the United States needs to take action to correct its imbalances, Britain does not.

His theme is that large-scale current account imbalances, suffered or enjoyed by four of the old Group of Five, reflect differences in domestic savings and investment behaviour in a world of free financial markets, rather than fundamental variations in the economic well-being of the countries out of balance. To worry about the trade figures makes us "prisoners of the past," according to Mr Lawson.

The Chancellor, who would have been lucky to have won the bronze, let alone the gold, had the Finance Minister of the Year been chosen on the basis of some of his forecasts, admitted that the current account deficit this year will be about 2.5 per cent of GDP, a similar proportion to that of the US. This confirms the £12 billion level already being scribbled about by the terrible teenagers of Throgmorton Street. His own Budget shot of 1 per cent of GDP is officially consigned to the dustbin of

history, but at the same time the Budget surplus is also running far higher than forecast, so it does not really matter.

Since there is no need to panic about the current account, there is certainly in Mr Lawson's view no need to do anything special to balance it. Monetary policy has been tightened to bear down on inflation and this may, through higher interest rates, boost savings and cut the deficit. "But that is not the object of the exercise."

And certainly, much to the immediate relief of markets yesterday, there is no question of using the exchange rate to balance the current account. A policy of devaluation would be "wholly inappropriate."

Given the dimensions of the deficit, it is a good thing that markets did take Mr Lawson's remarks as a re-dedication of his commitment to sterling. The financing of domestic borrowers by overseas savers depends crucially on confidence, or, as Mr Lawson prefers, our creditworthiness. At the moment, that is not in doubt, but it is a fragile flower which can wither for the most capricious of reasons.

Theoretical economists will have fun with Mr Lawson's ideas, but the problem is that some of the guys with the money might still be "prisoners of the past," who could hit sterling at any moment. Keep talking, Mr Lawson.

Weak dollar hits Laura Ashley

By Rosemary Unsworth
Retail Affairs
Correspondent

Worldwide demand for Laura Ashley dresses and the distinctive middle-range home furnishings shows little sign of abating. But profits from the group, which came to market in 1985, were held back by a weak dollar in the first half of the year and flat trading in central London.

Pre-tax profits were virtually static at £10.2 million, against £10 million last time, while turnover rose by 25 per cent from £93.5 million to £116.6 million in the six months to August 1.

Sterling's strength against the dollar cost the group about £2 million in operating profit; 35 per cent of its turnover comes from North America. However, £1 million in royalties from the US bed linen deal and the Japanese joint venture, where Laura Ashley achieved a first-time profit of £900,000 against a loss last time, helped the result.

Operating profit rose by 10 per cent to £11.46 million and the interim dividend has been maintained at 0.85p. Earnings per share rose from 3.25p to



Expanding Home: John James, Laura Ashley chief executive (Photograph: James Gray)

3.38p. The shares dipped 1p to 106p on the news.

The group has expanded by 30 outlets to 395 in the past six months and plans to open a further 32 in the second half, making 427 by the year-end. There are 152 in Britain, 151

in North America, 63 on the Continent and 29 in Australia and Japan. Capital expenditure was £13 million, expected to reach £20 million by year-end, against £28 million last time.

Laura Ashley's venture into

43 Sainsbury's Homebase stores is gaining its own momentum, said Mr John James, the chief executive. It plans to open three Home shops in Reading, Windsor and Brighton next year and to expand the Penhaligon perfume outlets.

Profits fall £1.5m at Hogg Robinson

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Hogg Robinson & Gardner Mountain, the insurance broker, yesterday reported a drop of more than £1.5 million in interim pretax profits, as currency fluctuations hit the sterling value of its earnings.

Profits for the six months to end-June were £5.31 million, compared with £6.9 million last time. The result included a reduction of more than £1 million from the fall in the value of the dollar and £900,000 in exceptional items.

Broking overseas and into Britain in dollar terms were equally affected by the exchange rates changes. Moreover, although turnover was 3 per cent up in dollar terms, in sterling values it showed a fall of 7 per cent.

The exceptional items in-

cluded the divestment and winding up of some business, as well as a £230,000 loss on securities trading by Cressvale Securities, the financial services subsidiary.

The company said that, without the currency and exceptional items, its pure broking profit would have risen by about 14 per cent. Mr James Vaughan, the chairman, said the performance was relatively good in the prevailing market conditions.

Earnings per share, however, showed a sharp drop from 8.43p to 5.43p over the six-month period, partly because of the issue of 1.5 million new shares.

The company is working to improve its performance by cutting costs.

BSG drives ahead to £11m interim

By Michael Tate

Pre-tax profits at BSG International, the car parts and motor distribution group, accelerated from £9.53 million to £11.03 million in the first half of 1988, and the board is lifting the interim dividend from 0.6p a share to 0.66p.

Earnings per share improved from 3.84p to 4.02p.

Trading profits — £12.28 million against £11.71 million — include a £1.36 million profit from the seat belt business which was sold in April for £29.5 million. It compares with £1.37 million previously.

The automotive components manufacturing division increased trading profits by 14 per cent, and the distributorships by 14 per cent. However, according to Mr Astley

Whittall, the group chairman, profits from the consumer and special products division tumbled from £2.4 million to £700,000 as the Restmor prams offshoot fought to distance itself from its main customer, the struggling Mothercare chain.

The cash received from the sale of the seat belt operations has produced a £14.9 million profit, which forms the bulk of a £15.08 million extraordinary item. This has enabled the group almost to halve the six-month interim interest charge to £1.24 million.

Mr Whittall says that the balance sheet is strong and the profit picture bright. He added that the company is now seeking to make further acquisitions.

Thatcher helps out the press

If Margaret Thatcher starts receiving a markedly better press during the coming months it will be because word has filtered through the generally cynical and unloved journalistic community that she has been supporting its very own benevolent fund — the Newspaper Press Fund. Speaking at a fund-raising cocktail party for the charity, at Stationers' Hall, the other evening, hosted by this year's appeals chairman, Michael Grade, the chief executive of Channel 4, she scolded the assembled 400 or so guests by complaining that the Newspaper Press Fund's annual £100,000 target, which has remained static for several years, was not nearly enough.

"Giving to charities has doubled since we first took office in 1979 and I put it to you that you should now be aiming to raise at least £200,000," she said. The Prime Minister, who has just been made a vice-president of the charity — founded in 1864 by Charles Dickens — then put her money where her mouth is. Shortly before she left the reception, which she has attended every year for the last seven years, thus helping the fund raise more than £25,000, I spied her huddled in a corner, writing a personal cheque to the fund for no less than £500. But although she herself will never benefit from the fund, perhaps, like any mother, she had the future welfare of her daughter Carol — a freelance scribe — partly in mind.

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Yo-yo of interest rates

Well... it just about sums up the London stock market as well. In *Private Client News*, sent to clients of Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management, the caption to a cartoon in *The New Yorker* magazine is quoted. The cartoon showed a man watching the news on television with the newscaster saying: "On Wall Street today, news of lower

interest rates sent the stock market up, but then the expectation that these rates would be inflationary sent the market down, until the realization that lower rates might stimulate the sluggish economy pushed the market up, before it ultimately went down on fears that an overheated economy would lead to a reimposition of higher interest rates."

Smith's gain

Smith New Court has added a fourth leg to its new property team by recruiting analyst David Tunstall from Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Tunstall handed in his notice yesterday, and will move to Smith's in three months. He will join Will Martin and Adam Murza,

both formerly with Scrimgeour, and David Jones from Morgan Grenfell. The four will work alongside Ian Barrett, who will be spearheading Smith's move into making markets in property stocks, which begins on October 31. "We will be moving two or three other people across internally to do the market-making," says Paul Roy, the joint managing director of Smith New Court Agency.

Over there

They say that whatever happens in America happens here eventually, so watch out. Massachusetts has become the first state to give disgruntled investors the right to sue their brokers. The state will ban the practice by which brokers force investors to agree to settle disputes through arbitration instead of in court — even though such agreements are at present a condition of doing business with some firms.

Birthday parties

Lord Forte's plans to sell tickets at £100 apiece to the 1,200 guests who are expected to attend his 80th birthday celebrations in November

to raise funds for his new charity, the Charles Forte Foundation — has, I hear, struck yet another note of discord among the fiercely loyal staff of the coveted Savoy Group. For one of the Savoy's own elder statesmen, and one of the arch opponents of Forte's aspirations to acquire Britain's poshest hotel group, Sir Hugh Wontner, is also about to celebrate his 80th birthday — on October 22. But, highlighting the sharp contrast between the two men, Wontner, once group chairman and still chairman of the Berkeley Hotel and Claridge's, is planning a private family get-together at his own home.

Although a keen amateur actor in his younger days — his father Arthur Wontner was a professional actor best-known for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes in numerous films — Wontner is known to dislike "personal razzmatazz" and is indeed so discreet that he is even a member of the Royal Household — as the clerk to the kitchens at Buckingham Palace. News of the Charles Forte Foundation is being interpreted within the Savoy's hallowed walls as an attempt by the peer to further rub salt into the wound. Some 27 years ago Wontner founded a similar and still thriving foundation — the Savoy Educational Trust.

Carol Leonard

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Lloyd's and invisibles

From Mr N. J. F. B. Samengo-Turner
Sir, Had I been a member of Lloyd's (which, thank God, I am not) my spine would have been chilled by the sheer arrogance and complacency of chairman Murray Lawrence's reply to Mr Lucas's letter of August 18.

Readers may recall, that in that letter Mr Lucas made some rather grave criticisms of Lloyd's, only to have them dismissed, in a rather flippant way as "ill-informed abuse".

Were detailed reports in the serious financial Press, concerning reinsurance problems regarding the North Sea oil rig disaster. "Ill-informed abuse" is a perfectly accurate observation, that Lloyd's attracts virtually no graduates or professionally qualified people "ill-informed abuse".

It seems odd that Mr Lucas's comments about the erosion of the show of wealth needed to become a member of Lloyd's, could also be dismissed as "ill-informed abuse", as the very next week Murray Lawrence announced that the "show" was to be raised from a minimum of £100,000 to £250,000.

Might I suggest that one does not have to be an economist of any great standing to understand that Lloyd's contribution to the so-called "invisibles" is simply a reflection of the flow of foreign currency premiums into the market, rather than one of any great financial genius of wizardry on behalf of Lloyd's underwriters.

I dare say that computer

leasing insurance was a notable contributor on that basis. As regards the hours of business kept in Lloyd's, I can only heartily concur with Mr Lucas's observations, as my one over-riding memory of some years working as a broker in Lloyd's was of endless hours leaning against marble pillars queuing up to wait for underwriters to return from lunch at 3.30 pm only to have them disappear for tea with another broker at 4.15.

Things have, I understand, now changed, in the new Lloyd's building those marble pillars of old are now made of steel.

It is some form of miracle that Lloyd's has managed to escape from any form of imposed regulation, under the Financial Services Act, which would surely have put a stop to some of the enormous management fees and charges that I understand many "names" on even non-profit making syndicates are charged.

It seems to me quite extraordinary that clients of Lloyd's brokers are still willing to have their risks insured on the backs of syndicates of people, many of whose collateral is a family home that has risen in value by 500 per cent over the past 10 years; unlimited liability? You must be joking!

Yours faithfully,
N. J. F. B. SAMENGO-TURNER,
Rosemary Cottage,
Commercial End,
Swaffham Bulbeck,
Cambridgeshire,
September 16.

The real purpose of taxation

From Mr Peter Stephenson
Sir, There was nothing wrong with the British economy before the high summer of 1914: nothing has been right since.

The burden of borrowing by individuals is nothing to the burden of taxation. It is the Treasury that lives beyond our means. The small reduction in taxation from the Budget has already increased revenue.

To cut total taxation back to 30 per cent and simplify its fall would solve revenue problems: taxation should serve no other purpose. Each time industry reaches

the point where it must adapt and compete in the home consumer market, the Treasury protectionists withdraw confidence: successful exporters are punished and deterred by excessive costs and increased prices abroad from a falsely strong pound.

A recession follows this. The Prime Minister in all her major policy speeches appears to support this analysis.

Yours faithfully,
PETER STEPHENSON,
11 St Leonard's Road,
Eastbourne,
August 31.

Metal Box climbs as talk grows of imminent bid

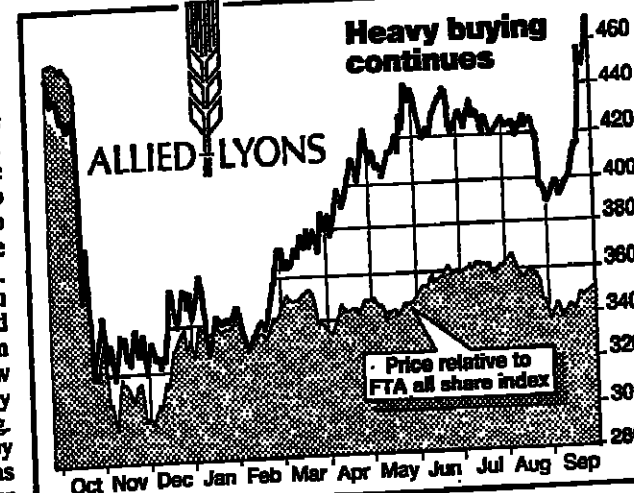
The alarm bells were ringing at Metal Box, the engineering and packaging group, yesterday as dealers convinced themselves that it could be the next target for a bid approach. The shares stood out in late trading with a leap of 20p to 256p, adding £67 million to the group's stock market value and taking it to £852 million. By the close, almost 8 million shares had been traded amid talk that someone had been stalking the shares for a few weeks and may have already built up a sizeable holding. The price has now risen by 26p in less than a week. It was trading at about 213p earlier this month. The list of potential suitors being banded around the market-place included BTR, Williams Hold-

ings and, inevitably, Hanson. There are also suggestions one of the two big Australian brewers - Elders IXL or the Bond Corporation - may be interested in Metal Box's canning side and may have been behind recent buying of the shares.

Asked about the flurry of activity in the shares, a Metal Box spokesman said: "We do not comment on market rumours, but I know of no bid." Bid stories also continued to dominate an equity market still digesting the better-than-expected August trade figures.

The FT-SE 100 index consolidated above 1,800 with a fresh rise of 4.5 points to 1,812.5, after touching 1,817.8. The narrower FT 30 index closed 7.3 points higher at 1,466.4.

Allied-Lyons, the food and drinks group, returned to the takeover spotlight with another burst of speculative buying which lifted the price a further 19p to 467p as almost 9 million shares changed hands. Last Friday, the price rose by 36p on a huge turnover of 43 million shares amid claims that Mr Alan Bond, the



Australian brewer, was adding to his holding. Dealers believe that he now owns almost 9 per cent of Allied and may be planning to raise this to 10 per cent. He may have been in the market again yesterday. One broker was making an open-ended bid for stock at the start of trading.

There were also stories circulating that Anheuser-Busch, the world's biggest brewer which makes Budweiser beer, is offering about making an offer for Allied. The Allied price has risen from 400p in this account.

Elsewhere among the brewers, Guinness resumed buying its own shares, picking up 200,000 at 314.25p as the price firmed 2p to 318p. This takes the total bought in the past few months to 25.2 million.

Bass also advanced, by 19p to 794p - making a two-day gain of 39p. Investors are being urged to switch out of rivals - such as Scottish & Newcastle, 1p firmer at 346p and Whitbread "A", 5p dearer at 300p - and into Bass. Some brokers, such as Kitcat & Aitken, have been saying for some time that Bass is undervalued.

ADT, which used to trade under the name of Hawley and which has big interests in the US, firmed 1.5p to 137.5p as its shares began trading on New York's Nasdaq system. Ward White, the Payless

do-it-yourself, AG Stanley and Halfords group headed by Mr Phillip Birch, recovered from early weakness to close 5p better at 300p.

Fidelity of Boston, one of the largest fund management groups in the US, has been behind the steep rise in the shares since the results were announced a couple of weeks ago.

Fidelity, which already has an interest in the company, is said to be trying to raise its stake to 10 per cent, paying up to 320p a share. Telephone Rentals, the second largest British supplier of telephone equipment, jumped 120p to 330p, after 338p, on the 305p cash offer from Cable and Wireless.

This prompted sympathetic

Battye, Wimpenny & Dawson, the country broker, is tipping CSI Corporation, the truck and trailer rental group, which closed 2p lower at 93p. It says the company is expecting a busy run up to Christmas and is forecasting pre-tax profits of £2.17 million for the current year.

rises in Ferranti which closed 5p to the good at 96p and STC, 7p higher at 281p.

Pleasurama, the casinos-to-hotels group, advanced by 13p to 226p as speculation intensified that Mr Michael Guthrie's Mecca is poised to increase its hostile £600 million bid by offering a partial cash alternative.

Cadbury Schweppes, the chocolate and soft drinks group, moved up 2p to 375p in this trading of about 1.3 million shares. The shares touched 388p during this account on speculation that General Cinema of the US had negotiated the sale of its 18 per cent holding in the company.

Grand Metropolitan, which is expected to reap £1.5 billion from the sale of its Intercontinental hotels chain, has been tipped as a would-be suitor.

Mr Max Lewinson's Dominion International is continuing to pull out of the oil market and has sold a further 6 million shares in Southwest Resources for £1 million.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

ALPHA STOCKS

Vol '000	Vol '000	Vol '000	Vol '000
ADT 2,705	CU 919	Laporte 120	Sainsbury 592
Abbey 412	Corn Gold 2,732	LAG 622	Scott & N 2,154
Adia-Lyons 8,183	Cookson 597	Lloyds 880	Sears 2,752
ASDA 2,883	Courts 746	Lombard 10,625	Sedgwick 912
ASDA 1,981	Dalgety 391	Lucas 1,442	Shell 892
ASDA 359	Dia 481	M&S 1,362	Siebel 199
ASDA 2,276	Dia 481	M&S 1,362	Slough 1,289
Argyll 1,134	Enterprise 1,431	MEPC 614	Smith & N 2,257
BAT 303	Ferranti 9,694	Metals 6,069	Smith & N 2,257
Batley 2,232	FRU Black 1,947	Midland 1,068	STC 105
Bass 1,504	Gen Acc 147	Next 1,821	Stan Chem 529
Beaumont 1,794	GEN 645	Nth Food 520	Sun Alliance 336
Beazer 154	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Beaumont SW 239	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Blue Arrow 1,312	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Blue Circle 917	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
BOD 361	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Boots 1,212	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
BPA 796	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Br Aero 1,987	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Br Arways 1,497	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Br Comm 2,230	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Br Gas 2,544	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Br Land 481	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Br Petrol 3,872	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Br Telecom 3,759	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Burd 685	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Burnish 445	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Burns 3,953	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
CAW 3,507	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Cadbury 961	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257
Costs 747	Globe Inv 802	Pearson 474	Tanner 3,257

Dow edges ahead in opening deals

New York (Reuters) - Shares were mixed in early trading yesterday with blue chips moving in a tight range at about Tuesday's close. However, Mr Eugene Peroni, a technical analyst at Janney Montgomery Scott, said that indicators showed a possible move developing in the Dow average of 30 to 50 points in either direction.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 4 points to 2,086.33 but declining issues narrowly outnumbered rising ones. Trading was slow.

Union Carbide rose by 1/2 to 24 1/2. The company has sold its 60 per cent holding in Union Carbide Australia and

New Zealand. On Tuesday, the Dow average dipped by 2.84 to 2,082.33.

● Tokyo - The Nikkei index rose 252.45 points, or 0.92 per cent, to 27,752.01. It closed 165.81 points up on Tuesday. Volume was a heavy 1.8 billion shares.

It has been three weeks since the index has risen this many points in one day. It closed 371.75 higher on September 3.

Prices closed sharply higher, supported throughout the day by brisk trade and more participants, amid continued optimism at the start of the big brokers' new financial year.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES
September 28

New Yrk	1.8800-1.8810	1.0000	0.32-0.18pr	0.50-0.31pr	Cyprus pound	7.4870-7.517
Montl	2.0471-2.0607	2.0569-2.0607	2-1 1/2pr	5%-5 1/2pr	Finland marka	254.50-256.5
London	3.5540-3.5739	3.5701-3.5739	31-18pr	81-66ds	Greece drachma	13.1511-13.160

Franklin	3.1630-3.1699	3.1685-3.1699	15-57ds	76-170ds	Malaysia ringgit	3750-3850
Isbn	259.56-261.49	260.49-261.49	11pr-3ds	10-36ds	Mexico peso	2.7175-2.7225
Isbn	208.82-210.12	209.65-210.12	1pr-3ds	3pr-2ds	New Zealand dollar	2.1975-2.2025

arts	10.7065-10.7301	10.8578-10.8677	1% - 1%pr	3% - 3%pr	S Africa rand (com)...	4.1748-4.18
Sokhem	10.8276-10.8677	226.18-226.48	1% - 1%pr	3% - 3%pr	U A E dirham	6.1550-6.18
Tokyo	225.12-226.48	226.18-226.48	12% - 11%pr	34% - 31%pr		
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DOLLAR SPOT RATES		
7.1025	7.0025	Italy 1400.0-1400.0

Malaysia	2.117-2.118	Netherlands	2.117-2.118	Portugal	124.45-124.46
Australia	1.28-1.28	France	6.3955-6.4015	Spain	124.45-124.46
Canada	1.2200-1.2210	Japan	134.15-134.25	Austria	13.22-13.23
	6.4035-6.4075			Germany	124.45-124.46

MONEY MARKETS

Treasury Bills (Discount %)		Call: 6-7		5-4%		5-4%		5 1/8-4 1/8%		5 1/8%	
Buying: 2 mth - 11%		3 mth - 11%		Deutschebank:							
Selling: 2 mth - 11%		3 mth - 11%		Call: 4 1/2-3%							

2 mth: 12% 3 mth: 12% 6 mth: 11¹⁵/₁₆ Call: 3-2
Interbank (%) Overnight: open 11% close 11% 7% - 7% 5¹⁵/₁₆ - 5% 5¹⁵/₁₆ - 4¹⁵/₁₆
1 week: 11% - 11% 1 mth: 11% - 11¹⁵/₁₆ 3 mth: 11¹⁵/₁₆ - 11% Yen: Call: 3% - 2%

Local Authority Bonds (%)
 3 mth: 11%-11% 6 mth: 11%-11% 12 mth: 12%
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3 mth: 8.35-8.30 1 mth: 8.30-8.25 12 mth: 8.90-8.85
3 mth: 8.35-8.30 6 mth: 8.65-8.60
ECGD
Kruggerand: \$394.50-397.50 (£234.00-238.00)
Mapleleaf 1/10oz: \$407.00-412.00 (£241.50-244.00)
American Eagle: \$407.00-412.00 (£241.50-244.00)

1988. Scheme I: 12.27 per cent. Schemes II & III: 12.72 per cent. Reference rate July 30, 1988 to August 31, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 11.364 per cent.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol		Open	High	Low	Close
US Treasury Bond	97.00	97.00	96.875	96.875	1000	US Treasury Note	97.00	97.00	96.875	96.875

Long Gull		Previous open interest	
Jun 88	89 00	89 16	88 80
Jul 88	89 17	89 31	89 17
Sep 88	89 34	89 34	89 29
Dec 88	89 34	89 31	89 27
NT			
95-07		95-22	95-05
AT			

Dec 88	91.21	91.24	91.20	91.21	894	Dec 88	181.10	183.00	181.10	182.00
Mar 89	91.21	91.24	91.03	91.05	203					
Jun 89	91.04	91.06	90.80	90.83	49	Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open int	
Dec 89	90.83	90.83	90.80	90.83	3	Dec 88	102.10	102.12	101.95	101.97

COMMODITIES LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Low range. Will rundes. Product units	Sep 740-745 Dec 733-732 Mar 747-745	Sep 795-793 Dec 841-839 Mar 851A	(Zinc) / Copper Gds A Copper Stand	1491.0-1492.0 1405.0-1415.0	1450.0-1451.0 1400.0-1406.0	302075 39150
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Nov 1212-1211	Jul 1180-1184	Silver Small	611.00-612.00	624.00-625.00	Nil
Jan 1185-1183	Sep 1180-1155	Aluminium	1280.0-1285.0	1180.0-1200.0	158025
Vol 10355		Aluminium HP	2215.0-2225.0	2100.0-2105.0	265880

119.25-18.75	Oct 212.4-10.4	May 202.4-12.0	
118.50-18.00	Dec 209.4-05.0	Aug 201.4-99.0	
117.00-18.75	Mar 205.8-05.4	Oct 198.0-96.0	

LONDON MEAT

FUTURES (kg)

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMODITIES

London International Commodities Exchange Ltd.

12.97-12.98	Nv 108.20 Ja 111.05	Oct	94.0	94.3	GB (p)	70.96	140.00
13.11-13.03	My 118.90 Jn 118.80	Nov	95.8	95.8	GB (+/-)	-2.47	-7.10
1726	RABLEY close (C/M)	Feb	96.3	96.3	GB (+/-)	-2.47	-7.10

56.0	56.0	SOYABEAN	Jun 178.0-75.0	Oct	unq	109.9	Scotland (p)	+11.1	137.
66.0	67.0	Dec 181.2-80.6	Nov	unq	111.5	Scotland (p)	71.24	137.	
66.0	67.0	Feb 187.5-87.0	Aug 175.0-72.0	Feb	unq	115.1	Scotland (+/-)	+0.83	137.

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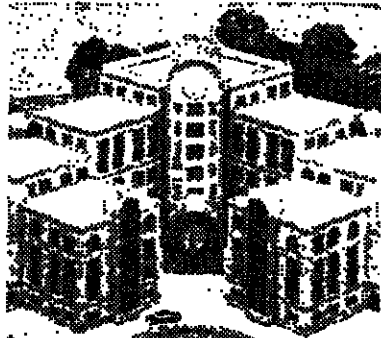
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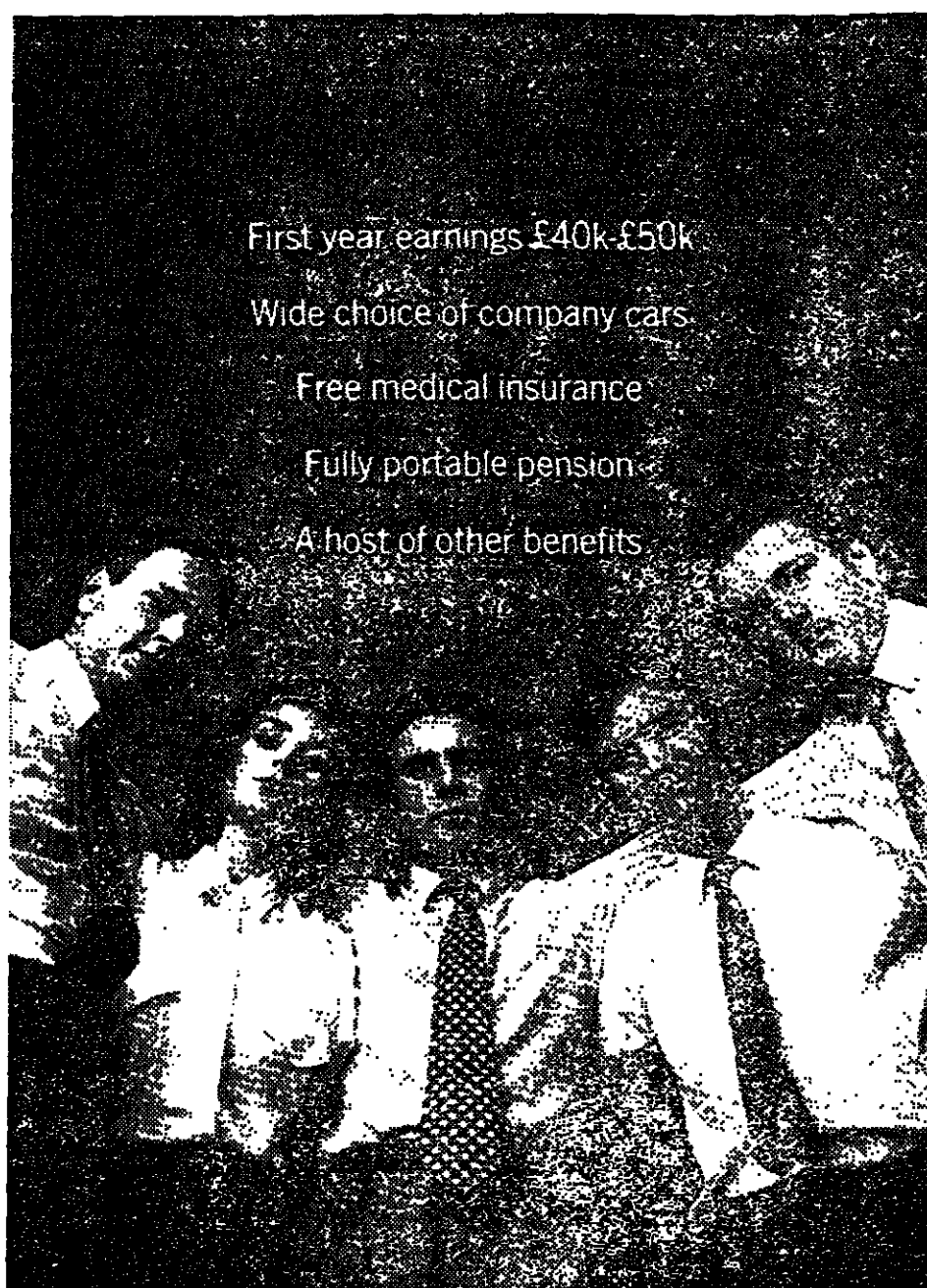
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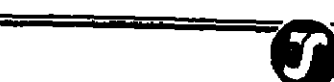
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September 29, 1988

James Malcolm, a mobile communications specialist, appeals for trained people to keep a young industry growing

The spectacular growth of the cellular telephone market is one of the great success stories of recent years. The mobile communications market as a whole, including paging and all private mobile radio (PMR), is growing at well over 10 per cent a year. The advent of yet more new technologies such as phonepoint-phonezone, a mobile cordless telephone that can be used to make calls in the vicinity of base stations located, for example, at railway terminals, airports and traffic black spots, will fuel this growth into the next century.

The UK industry leads Europe in the development of this market, and its members intend to keep it that way. This means staying in the forefront of product development, design, installation and systems operating skills.

But the very success of the mobile communications industry has brought with it the usual crop of problems. There are altogether too many complaints from customers - unexpected disconnections, poor installations and the greed of the unscrupulous.

More serious still, if demand

from overseas, and Europe in particular, is not met, then our competitors will whittle away the British lead. If the honest and skilled cannot keep up with the demand from the consumers it is in part because there are not enough of them.

A survey of members of the Federation of Communication Services, which represents all sides of the industry, showed that nine in 10 companies need more technician engineers, especially those with particular qualifications, aptitudes or skills such as radio frequency technicians.

Companies are crying out for skilled staff, at all levels. For the real job-creators are those who have the creative and leadership abilities that generate the ideas and make them work - the graduates, and others, who provide the concepts and the designs, the entrepreneurs who have the vision and the salesmanship to build the market.

Continued growth of a business that has reached the size of the mobile communications market depends on a continued supply of appropriately skilled people. They



need to be suitably educated. They need training. Now.

A start has been made on education. An initiative has been developed by all sides of the mobile radio community, led first by the Mobile Radio Users' Association.

The current situation is absurd. There are simply no approved courses at the higher technical levels with a mobile radio module satisfactory to one major user to whom I spoke recently. He told me: "Very high frequency is almost a black art. Thermionic valve technology, superseded in the early 1960s, is still being taught

New phones market must now call up its experts for the 1990s

in some places." Mercifully few, I'm glad to say.

The educational solution is long-term. Changes now will scarcely have any impact in less than five or even 10 years. This makes early changes even more important and urgent. Given the imminent 30 per cent fall in the number of 16- to 19-year-olds available, time is running out. If nothing is done now, the next generation of new-tech industries, which will include various forms of mobile radio, will still face the same difficulties as we do now.

The short-term solutions to present-day skill shortages are just

as important and even more urgent. Made-to-measure training courses are needed and, indeed, are springing up throughout the industry. To make an impact on the skill shortages it faces, the mobile communications industry will, in my view, need to double the level of training it offers.

One of the wisest remarks made at the Mobile Radio Education Initiative Conference earlier this year was that training is just a matter of providing the opportunity to learn. Life is a kaleidoscope of opportunities to learn, and a lively, flexible and motivated

workforce will be looking for them all the time.

Companies need specific results in terms of correct installations. The ability to develop products and the facility to give cheerful and truthful service require that formalized opportunities to learn these skills be provided. Indeed, the whole of this process of education, training and learning calls for enlightened management and skilled teachers and trainers. The future of the UK mobile radio industry and its present lead over Europe depend on training for specific skills for its workforce. This is not the first industry

whose future is threatened by the lack of suitably qualified people to meet the demand. The cry for engineers in the 1950s led me into that discipline. When I joined the National Economic Development Office in the late 1960s, shortages of skilled craftsmen and welders was a problem.

Later I was involved in efforts to get action on the shortages of key information technology and computer skills in the early 1980s. A cynic might say that each of the relevant industries has struggled through without much having actually been seen to have been done about the problems of the time. But those UK industries no longer lead the world. We shall never know what might have happened if...

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Ref: 1110

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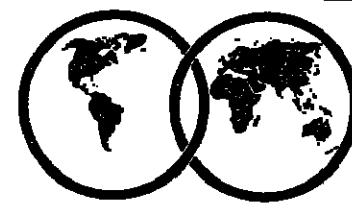
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Figuring out a new image that adds up

What's going wrong for the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants? It seems to be fighting a losing battle for the attentions of youthful talent against the other main accountancy bodies.

For example, a recent CIMA survey showed that almost 40 per cent of companies who recruit trainee management accountants are disappointed by the calibre of the candidates. And too many poorly motivated people are drifting into the job for want of something better to do.

Sharp, business-minded young men and women, it appears, are being drawn instead into the big chartered accountancy firms.

The problem seems to be largely one of image. Of course, there has always been a pecking order for professional qualifications in the financial world. The Institute of Chartered Accountants has traditionally commanded a certain social cachet by comparison with the other bodies. And perhaps because management accountants are more directly connected with industry than the professions they have suffered from the conventional prejudices of the British middle classes.

The irony is that vast numbers of chartered accountants end up leaving PwC, Marwick McIntock, Touche Ross and so on to work in

The management accountants are finding it hard to attract young talent. Edward Fennell analyses the problem and suggests they sharpen their image

those very industrial companies they would not have dreamed of joining as green graduates.

The management accountants are suffering from a low status image, which may not be entirely fair. The problem is that it is leading into a downwards spiral in the fortunes and conditions of management accountants.

About 45pc of CIMA trainees are dissatisfied with the training they receive and, probably as a result, more than two-thirds of companies employing CIMA accountants face difficulties in staff retention. By the sound of it there are a lot of fed-up management accountants around who go off to do something else.

No doubt the CIMA officials are racking their brains over what

they can do to pull out of this dive. The answer, strangely enough, may be to take a leaf out of the book of one of the country's leading firms of chartered accountants, Deloitte Haskins & Sells.

About a year ago, DHS research revealed that its profile was one of dull respectability. What made it worse was that the diversity of services offered by the firm was causing a certain amount of confusion among clients. Would the real Deloitte stand up? said the business community.

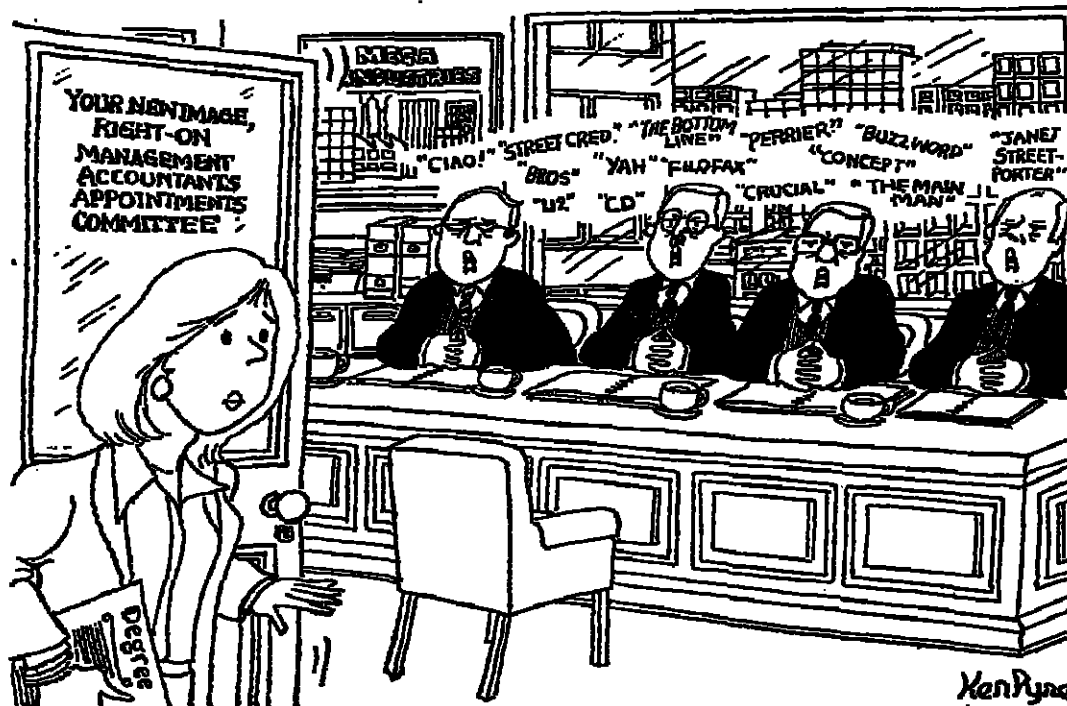
The time had clearly come, said Rosemarie Ghazeros, the marketing director, to go on the attack against the firm's racier rivals and produce an up-to-date image.

This it did, and the firm now has an upbeat image which combines variety within an overall corporate style.

And it is going down well with the customers. The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants could do with similar treatment. It may be true to say that we live in an image-conscious society but evidence shows that cultivating an appropriate image, whether by a profession or a firm, is vital to success.

Here's another example from the world of chartered accountancy — but this time from the United States...

"How do you change traditions



Ken Pyne

and perceptions which have developed over a century or more?" asked the Washington magazine *The Big Eight Review*, before saying that Arthur Young, of all the Big Eight, had been outstandingly successful with its "communications and visibility programme".

In terms of advertising, nearly every major firm has tried its hand at some type of campaign," added the Review. "Only one has been highly successful. The Arthur Young 'We take business personally' ads are widely recognized as playing a vital role in the firm's overall image today... And while most firms have dismissed television as a visibility tool, Arthur Young has again forged ahead... The firm now is clearly

the creative leader among the Big Eight firms."

What is true of the US is just as true of the UK. In all sorts of ways the big chartered accountants are promoting themselves in a manner which would have shocked senior partners a decade ago.

The banner for the chartered accountants is being constantly waved by the larger firms and this must have an impact on undergraduates as they weigh up their futures.

Meanwhile, the Institute of Chartered Accountants is also doing its bit. Last spring it announced a number of measures to expand the pool of good quality applicants available to the profession and "to help firms to help

themselves with their increasingly difficult recruitment problems".

Among these initiatives were the setting up of regional presentation teams to prepare the ground in higher education colleges before the arrival of the milk-round recruitment teams, and advice to firms on how to recruit effectively.

The aim, said John Morley, chairman of the ICA's education and training directorate, was to ensure that the profession was properly prepared to overcome the recruitment difficulties ahead.

"We are now taking steps to ensure that all those involved in recruitment are fully aware of and prepared to deal with the problems of the 1990s. Unless we are successful, chartered accountants will not be able to retain into the

21st century their high standing as business professionals." Of course, the harder the chartered accountants fight the greater the difficulties will be faced by management accountants.

What can the CIMA do to remedy its disadvantage? Perhaps the most intriguing feature of college leavers is that while they want success they do not expect to get it without hard work. The harder the work the more they will go for it.

To appeal to them, the management accountants must hand out a challenge. This was borne out recently by the comment of one female trainee accountant who, having been offered jobs by several of the big firms, selected the one who had given her the toughest time at interview. She viewed almost with contempt the very large firm which had put her through nothing more demanding than a casual social chat about skiing before offering her a job.

"I just couldn't take them seriously," she said.

If the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants is going to raise its profile it needs to show that there are lots of successful people in its ranks and that the CIMA qualification is a serious challenge in itself.

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English Open gets under way without Europe's leading six

By Mitchell Platt
Golf Correspondent

The diminishing British section of the European PGA Tour receives a much-needed boost at Royal Birkdale today with the start of the inaugural English Open Championship.

Since 1977, when the Tournament Players' section of the PGA amalgamated with the Continental Tournament Players to form the ETPD, the balance of power in terms of events has switched to the Continent. In 1976, 12 tournaments, which were open to all members, were played in Britain and Ireland compared to 10 on the Continent. This year 11 events will have been staged at home compared to 15 across the water.

The prize funds, too, have increased significantly on the Continent. The European Masters, formerly the Swiss Open, has increased from £31,000 in 1976 to £400,000 this year, while the French Open has risen from £30,000

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to £300,000. At the same time the British Masters, now sponsored by Dunhill, has grown from £30,000 to £250,000 and the Benson and Hedges International from £40,000 to £250,000. The trend is expected to continue.

While the boom is encouraging, however, it does mean the players have more options, which explains why the present leading six in the Volvo Order of Merit — Ballesteros, Olazábal, Faldo, Woosnam, McNulty and Lyle — have opted not to compete this week.

I am assured that all six were offered the usual induc-

ments — appearance money ranging from £15,000 to £50,000 — but they elected instead to take a rest this week prior to playing in the World Match Play Championship and the Dunhill Masters. Last week all six played in the German Masters, inaugurated last year, where the prize-money was £300,000 compared to the £180,000 on offer this week.

Faldo originally agreed to compete this week, and his decision to withdraw at the eleventh hour, in order to conserve his energy, was a disappointment.

Ken Schofield, the executive director of the European PGA Tour, said: "We have no God-given right to call upon the players. What we have here is a new tournament which will have guaranteed dates in the future, as we have promised to all national Opens the possibility of a major sponsor next year and the hope that in 1990 it will receive network TV."

Twin incentive for Nicholas

By John Hennessy

With the exception of Marie-Laure Taya, of France, the leading members of the women's European Tour have gathered for the James Capel Guernsey Open this week.

Corinne Dibnah, of Australia, has two claims to attention as the winner last year by the handsome margin of 10 strokes and as the holder of the British Open. Alison Nicholas has the twin distinctions of principal challenger to Taya for the order of merit and of Dibnah's predecessor as the British Open champion.

Over them looms the formidable figure of Laura Davies, former holder of both the British and the United States Opens. Her two victories in the United States this year have dispelled any fear of her losing her players' card over there and Europe is reaping the benefit of her participation in a series of tournaments.

A first prize of £6,000 is on offer this week, a sum which would make deep inroads into Taya's lead in the order of merit if the diminutive Nicholas could pull it off. At the moment she is

£10,348 behind the French player's total of £72,285. Having broken the ice with her victory in the British Open, Nicholas has found the secret and won three tournaments since two this year, and is that much more formidable a competitor.

But, disregarding Davies, whose sheer unpredictability adds to her exciting appeal, Dibnah must be the player to watch. Judging by last year, the L'Ancresse course suits her game and she is also in prime form, lying third in the order of merit with £56,683.

£350,000 was raised by David Norman, chairman of the Tennis and Rackets Association, to restore the two real tennis courts to the condition in which they were opened in 1888, as well as constructing a dardans for the second real tennis court.

The second rackets court at Queen's Club was reopened last night, 62 years after it was converted into squash courts. The reinstatement in miniature of a 15-month building programme and a seven-year fund-raising drive.

The second rackets court is named The Bridgeman court in memory of the late Dick Bridgeman, who did so much to restore the rackets and real tennis after the Second World War.

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YACHTING

Russians consider America's Cup entry

San Diego (Reuters) — The Soviet Union is considering making its first challenge for the America's Cup, a San Diego Yacht Club official said.

The club commodore, Douglas Alford, said that Michael Smirnov, a Soviet trade official in Washington, had asked how Soviet yacht clubs could submit challenges for the regatta, scheduled for 1991.

His inquiry was followed by a letter from Tamer Pincin, general secretary of the Soviet sailing federation, to Sail America, the managing group for the San Diego Yacht Club.

"I wish to inform you of our interest in taking part in America's Cup XXVIII by several Soviet yacht clubs," Pincin's letter said.

The Sail America vice-president, Tom Euman, said that he would welcome the Russians. "For the last two decades, the Soviets have been a power in Olympic sailing. A Soviet challenge will make the America's Cup even more competitive and therefore, even more difficult to defend," he said.

He said the Soviets will be invited to the challenger meetings in Southampton next month, where the boat design for the challenge will be discussed, and to the International Yacht Racing Union meetings in London in November, where the design will be put to a vote.

RACKETS

Victorian splendour at Queen's

By William Stephens

The second rackets court at Queen's Club was reopened last night, 62 years after it was converted into squash courts. The reinstatement in miniature of a 15-month building programme and a seven-year fund-raising drive.

£350,000 was raised by David Norman, chairman of the Tennis and Rackets Association, to restore the two real tennis courts to the condition in which they were opened in 1888, as well as constructing a dardans for the second real tennis court.

The second rackets court is named The Bridgeman court in memory of the late Dick Bridgeman, who did so much to restore the rackets and real tennis after the Second World War.

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RACING: WEST ILSLEY THREE-YEAR-OLD HEAVILY BACKED FOR ARC

Stoute lambasts Guineas betting

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

Two big race odds-on favourites were bowled over in quick succession at Newmarket yesterday when Dancing Tribute and Pure Genius finished second in the Cheveley Park and Middle Park Stakes respectively.

Dancing Tribute, favourite at 13-8 on to repeat the 1980 win of Marwell for Michael Stoute in the fillies' race, failed to quicken when asked to go and win her race and was beaten two lengths by the Richard Quinn-ridden Pass The Peace.

Not unnaturally, the 1,000 Guineas market was in confusion after Dancing Tribute's defeat. All the bookmakers had different fillies as their new favourite and Mecca even installed an unraced Stoute filly called Gold Pavilion, together with Musical Bliss and Life At The Top, as 16-1 favourites.

Stoute, who has already seen Karella and Dancing Tribute displaced as favourites for the first of the fillies' classics, commented: "It's absolutely ridiculous. The bookmakers are misleading the public. Go Pavilion is backward and won't even run this season. Why have they made Pass The Peace 25-1? She keeps on winning group races, and they're the ones that count. I wouldn't mind a bit at that price."

Just over an hour later, Walter Swinburn and Stoute had again to be content with second place when Michael Roberts rode an inspired race on Mon Tresor to foil the challenge of the 7-4 on favourite Pure Genius by three-quarters of a length. Gentle Starkey and Northern Tryst finished the same distance away in third place.

Swinburn had no excuses to offer for either vanquished favourite. About Dancing Tribute he commented: "I thought we were going to win two furlongs out. But she then hung fire and didn't come home."

The Paul Cole-trained Pass The Peace gets full marks not only for courage and consistency but also for speed. Now having won four of his five starts, he was successful in the three race at Phoenix Park at the end of August.

"She must have a very tough constitution," said Cole. "He got a summer cold after Ireland and I was worried that he might not be enough time left to get her ready. So we've had to work her every day for the past 10 days."

Pass The Peace is owned by Brian Bell and next season will be trained by his son, Michael, in his first year to hold a licence at Fitzroy House stables, Newmarket.

The filly was bought by Charlie Gordon-Watson at the October sales for 9,500 guineas. She is sired by Alzao, who now stands second to Superstition in the list of first-season stallions



Unfawain, seen winning at Newmarket, has been backed to win £80,000 with Coral for Sunday's Prix de l'Arc de

Triomphe, and is now 14-1 (from 20-1). Supporters of the King George runner-up will be heartened with the news that

beaten a head by Citidancer on the July course. And Henry Cecil has made no secret of the high regard in which he holds his injured two-year-old.

The 8-1 victory came as no surprise to Ron Boss, who was saddling his first group one winner in this country. Olywn having previously won the Irish Oaks in 1977, "I had my shilling on," said the cheerful Welshman. "I just don't know how good he is. We'll have to find the money somewhere to enter him in the 2,000 Guineas. I'm so happy for the owner as he stuck by me since the day I only had selling plates to train."

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there is heavy rain in Paris. Coral's other prices are: 7-1 Mitto, 9-2 Kahyasi, 5-1 Diminuendo, 8-1 Indian Rose.

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Fine burst by Reid causes Pakistan momentary concern

From Richard Streeton, Faisalabad

An early flurry of wickets enlivened the final day of the second Test match here yesterday before it drifted to the predictable draw. Australia took a new ball at the start and Pakistan lost four batsmen in a dramatic opening 40 minutes, before Saleem Yousuf rose to the crisis.

In his first three overs Bruce Reid, the tall, left-arm fast bowler, sent back Javed Miandad, Salim Malik and Ijaz Ahmed with a devastating burst. When Dornie made his 269 runs ahead with three tailenders left, Yousuf and Iqbal Qasim quickly ended any speculation about a complete collapse, though, when they added 70 in 20 overs with a mixture of good strokes and unintended ones.

By the time Pakistan had made their 1-0 lead in the series completely safe, Australia were left a purely nominal target of 374 in two and a half hours. In the final analysis the game remained too good for everyone, particularly Australia's bowlers, who, apart from Reid, lacked penetration. The third and final Test match starts at Lahore on October 7.

A startled crowd from the crowd greeted Miandad's exit, leg before to Reid's second ball of the day, only the fourth time in 63 Test innings in his own country that he has been out in this way. The Australian's least about in what can be described as excited disbelief and rushed to congratulate Reid, who had bowled a perfect inswinger. Mahboob Shah raised his finger without any hesitation.

Reid, in his second over,

Crowe unfit

Wellington (Agencies) — Martin Crowe has failed a medical and is out of the New Zealand team to tour India. He is suffering from the after-effects of a virus he caught in Sri Lanka in 1984. "His general health is not up to the required standard," Bob Vance, chairman of the New Zealand Cricket Council, said.

cently made a pilgrimage to Mecca and a shaven head has rendered obsolete all pictures of him in the tour brochures. Iqbal gave good support before he was leg before to the fourth ball after lunch, when Reid returned.

Nothing could shift Abdul Qadir, however, until he lifted a high catch to long-off and Miandad called a halt. Yousuf had played a fine innings for his side and it was good to see the Australians warmly applaud him.

When Australia batted Marsh and Boon failed against the spinners but Jones and Waugh took useful practice as the match petered out.

Revised travel plans for both teams had a hand in an early finish. Friday's one-day

Over strength

The Halifax rugby league club have to decide this week which of their five Australian players to release. The arrival of stand-off half Peter Coyne means that they have one over their permitted quota.

American drought hits trout streams

By Conrad Voss Bark

Some famous trout streams in the United States have been almost emptied of water by one of the most severe droughts in memory.

At Twin Bridges, in Montana, a centre for fly fishing, the Beaverhead River, which flows into the Missouri, which is fed by controlled outflows from a vast lake in the mountains.

The fish there took American patterns flies, such as Tricos, parachute Adams and the Royal Wulff, but I also took fish on English flies, such as the dry Coachman, a Tups and a Greenwell.

Spring creeks, the small feeder streams which flow into a huge river like the Madison, seemed to have an inexhaustible supply of fresh, clear, cold water from springs in the mountains. The streams were wild, and to preserve the wild stock there are many no-kill areas, where trout have to be returned unharmed to the water after being caught.



Medal mastery: McEir celebrates his five-set victory over Edberg, the Wimbledon champion

Tennis thrusts its sideshow into a senseless occasion

From Simon Barnes

I suppose it is quite a good tennis competition, really. Well, there were both Wimbledon singles champions in action yesterday, what more do you want? And the main court is a pretty decent place to watch the game in.

Why, then, is the Olympic tennis tournament so completely uninteresting? Why is the return of tennis to the Olympics such a ridiculous mistake? Tennis people have been labouring for years to get their game into the Games, why have they made such a ridiculous error?

It is not that the tennis players have been letting anyone down. They are doing their best to be good Olympians, hating a little whingeing about such things as the weight of the balls — but for tennis players that hardly counts, believing, as they do, in the principle *whinge ergo sum*.

Tim Mayotte has been revealing in the Games, seeing as possible. Pam Shriver has been enthusiastic about life in the village: "I never stayed in a co-ed dorm before. Good for them. But, all the same, what on earth are they doing here?"

Sport needs a sense of occasion. The FA Cup final is an occasion. The Freight Rover Trophy final, at the same stadium, is not. Wimbledon (the tennis tournament, not the FA Cup winners) is an occasion: the US Open is an occasion; so, I am sure, are the other two Grand Slam tournaments.

If the Olympics are about the pursuit of excellence, you can try to argue that excellent tennis players should be here. But that doesn't hold water unless the tournament is the highest of that pursuit. The Olympics should be the biggest thing in that particular sport: diving, running, playing hockey — the

YACHTING

Carr reflects on lost chances

From Barry Pickthall, Pasan

have quite the same edge on the others," Carr explained.

A broken mast also cost Rob Whittaker and Jeremy Newman dearly. If their spar had only held up long enough to drive home a one and a half minute lead during the fourth race, the two Tornado sailors would be wearing silver medals today.

After Britain's wins in both the pre-Olympic 470 classes last year, Carr was disappointed that the two British crews (who beat the 1987 medal winners in the Soling class) were not in the Soling class in the Finn class, but the extra speed that won him the pre-Olympic gold medal last year was lost when his best boat was broken during shipment to a regatta in Canada last month.

"We knew its bending characteristics and tried to replicate the mast, but he didn't

Edberg bemused by disputed call

From Richard Evans

Despite a recovery in the third set, Edberg could not press home his advantage, his serve deserted him and McEir continued to disguise his ground strokes with mastery ease.

The match may have turned on a disputed call at 2-2, 30-40, in the fifth set. McEir reached break point with a stunning forehand service return down the line and then went cross-court on the backhand.

The ball either clipped the outside edge of the line or landed out. Edberg, who does not argue often, was convinced it was the latter and pointed to a mark he drew on the asphalt. The Swiss umpire was unmoved and Edberg won only one more point in the match.

McEir, whose prize-money earnings exceed \$2 million, was his usual enigmatic self at the Press conference — a ritual that was delayed considerably by the mandatory drug test.

Mayotte, one of the most respected members of the tennis fraternity, talked about the different incentives that competing in the Olympics offered him. "Instead of money and points, there is the new motivation of a medal and it comes like a breath of fresh air," he said.

CANOEING

Jamieson through with best time

As the sun rises on the River Han, the Land of the Morning Calm can be a beautiful place, unless you are a British canoeist. With paddles at dawn against the best of the world, only one boat survived through to tomorrow's sprint finals (Steven Downes writes).

When the waters in the shadow of the Yang-Pong Mountain were disturbed by the frantic paddling down the straight 500 metre sprint course, it was the Eastern Europeans who were dominant in most categories. Jeremy West, world

Benefits of the follow-through

From Mr Charles House

Sir, Mr Need questions the value of the follow-through (September 15). It is what a good follow-through implies about the contact with the ball that is important, as the term suggests, means that the club/bat follows the ball on its path. Thus, contact with the ball and the force of the club are applied for longer.

Mathematically, the relevant equation is: $F \times t = m \times v$, where F = force applied to the ball; t = length of time for which it is applied; m = mass of the ball; v = velocity with which the ball leaves the club/bat; u = velocity of the ball before contact. (In golf $u = 0$.)

Thus, for a given force which a particular sportsman can exert, the critical factor in determining the speed at which the ball moves down the fairway or across the outfield is the time for which the ball and club/bat are in contact.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES HOUSE, Frankensley 95, Den Haag, Netherlands.

Shame, joy and mystery of the Olympic Games

From Mr Timothy Care

Sir, The Ben Johnson affair at the Seoul Games has been the greatest 100 metres of all time. However, the rapid action of the International Olympic Committee in stripping Johnson of his medal and banning him for life does not strike at the root of the problem.

Those in authority must not be allowed to duck the underlying issue, which is that the advent of professional status and commercial reward has turned athletes from a sport into big business. What John Johnson has done is to show the prize money he can make for himself and his country.

Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY CARE, 2 Celandine Close, Whitebridge, Park, Gosforth, Tyne and Wear.

From Mr Simon Russell Flint

Sir, The stripping of the Olympic title from Ben Johnson and annulment of his world record could surely have been avoided by the simple expedient of drug testing after the heats and semi-final round of an event.

This would have the advantage of disqualifying an offending athlete before the final, thus avoiding the consequent damage and humiliation to the sport by the removal of the "champion" after the race has been run.

Yours faithfully, SIMON RUSSELL FLINT, Cloisters, EC4.

From Mr Ben Slotover

Sir, A few points seem to have been overlooked in the Ben Johnson affair.

The steroids were taken to improve the athlete's performance, and they did. It is obvious that drugs can help athletes achieve a better performance on the field, and consequently at every Olympics there are new stories of drug abuse, staggeringly complicated tests for drugs, and more and more athletes being exposed for taking drugs.

I would therefore like to suggest that an alternative Olympics could be held between

Innocence comes first

From Mr L. W. Watkins

Sir, Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation, demands that Arsenal sack Paul Davis and Bobby Robson exclude him permanently from the England national squad, all before a tribunal hearing.

Any player found guilty of the offence with which Davis is charged deserves severe punishment and the club are capable of administering Mr Eastwood's headline-seeking outburst contributes nothing of value.

As a former magistrate, I and colleagues, having found a person guilty, while mindful of the need to make the punishment fit the crime, took into account the circumstances of the offence, the offender's previous record, when his livelihood was at stake. This is not the same as looking for mitigating circumstances which can only be marginal and not the evidence of a crime.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM SARGEANT, Silverthorn Barn, Alderley Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

From the captain of the London Rowing Club

Sir, As an unsuccessful triathlete for a place at the 1984 Games and now as captain of one of the largest rowing clubs in the country, I wish to remind the nation that behind every Olympic medal there is a coach. It is unlikely that he will receive any financial benefits should his athlete or team win. In years to come, whilst the athletes' names go into the record books, the coach may well be forgotten.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD PHILLIPS, London Rowing Club, The Embankment, Putney, SW15.

From L. Col. T. H. Pares

Sir, Why is our nation referred to as Great Britain or simply Britain in the Olympic medals table?

Surely Her Majesty was crowned Queen of the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, THOMAS H. PARES, Mill House, North Creake, Norfolk.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN ROOM, 173 The Causeway, Petersfield, Hampshire.

side. It is eight years since we won the grand slam and our side has recently returned from Australia where we were roundly beaten.

Furthermore there seems little prospect of winning much if results in France recently from the World Sevens Cup (where not one of the home countries reached the semi-finals) are anything to go by.

A ray of hope appears in the shape of the English Schools side who dispatched their New Zealand counterparts in convincing fashion recently in Australia. Is it too much to expect that this promising side will be encouraged through dedicated training, expert coaching and sensible selection to form the basis of a winning team for the 1993 World Cup?

Yours faithfully, N. VON BERG, 9 Cross Green, Debenham, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

THE TIMES AT THE OLYMPICS

Christie commands the respect he believes is deserved

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent



After finishing fourth in the Olympic 200 metres final yesterday in a British record of 20.09 seconds, Linford Christie must be considered one of the world's best all-round sprinters.

Certainly Carl Lewis still holds the accolade of number one, even though he was number two at the longer distance yesterday. But Christie's demand for respect in the international sprinting community has now been justified after he was narrowly beaten to a 200 metres bronze medal to add to his 100 metres silver.

Even before Ben Johnson brought ignominy on himself, the Canadian was considered

by many in the sport to be something of a freak, because he did not run the 200 metres. That used to be part of Christie's problem. Although he came to prominence by winning the European indoor 200 metres title in 1986, it has been as a 100 metres runner that he has since been known. Indeed after winning the European outdoor 100 metres title in Stuttgart, he failed to get through the heats of the 200 metres. Christie started this year as no more than a 20.48sec performer, which was good for 36th in the world.

Yesterday, he finished behind Joe DeLoach, Lewis and Robson da Silva. Yet, as both he and Ron Roddian, his coach, admit, he lacks experience in the event. Once he learns to run a good bend, and

take out his effort better, he should be challenging for gold in that event too.

DeLoach won in 19.75sec, equalling Lewis's second best ever, with Lewis on 19.79sec, and da Silva on 20.04sec. Christie, who was well ahead of the rest of the field, including the amazing Michael Rosswess, said: "I would have loved to get a medal, but it was a great experience. I'm still not a 200 metres runner, maybe next year. It has been a good Games, but I wish it had finished. I'm absolutely knackered. I gave it all I had. Now I hope I get the respect I deserve."

Rosswess should earn undying admiration for his seventh place, in 20.51sec. He did not do athletics at school and only took up sprinting 18 months ago when he was "out of work, and bored".

If the British Amateur Athletic Board could adopt a Youth Opportunities Programme, with Rosswess as a model, the future of domestic sprinting would be even more secure.

Rosswess, whose best performance last year was 21.24sec, said: "Most people thought I wouldn't get past the first race, so it was nice to prove them wrong."

John Regis had also hoped for better things. But after his disaster, slipping blocks in the 100 metres, he drew the short straw of the inside lane in the semi-finals and went out. He said: "I came hoping to get a medal, but I never recovered from the hangover of the 100 metres." But for people like Rosswess, that could almost serve as the epitaph for these Olympic Games.

While Debbie Flintoff-King won the most exciting finish of the Games so far, when her sprint from the last barrier retrieved five metres on Sabine Busch, and she won the 400 metres hurdles in 53.17sec, Sally Gunnell was putting the final touches to her transformation of British intermediate hurdling.

In only her ninth one-lap hurdles race, Gunnell finished fifth in the Olympic final, with her fourth national record, of 54.03sec.



Exultant champion: Sergei Bubka rejoices after clearing 5.90 metres to win the pole vault

Gambler scoops the big pot

From Pat Butcher

The measure of a man (or a woman for that matter) is how he or she performs when the chips are down. Like any good gambler, for Sergei Bubka the only way out is up, and up, and up. Yesterday he added one Olympic title to 10 world records. But it was last gasp stuff.

The pole vault is a bit of a lottery at the best of times, which was not yesterday, with a lot of wind, more breaks in the action than on NBC, and a crowd which had to be persuaded at the end not to boo one of the greatest athletes of all time.

The first gamble is to come in as late as possible, in order to conserve energy. Bubka began at 5.70 metres, with only eight of the original 15 finalists left. But Bubka failed first time, and the initiative passed to his young colleague, Rodion Gataulin, who had inflicted a rare defeat

on Bubka in Berlin, the last centimetres up on his most recent world record and just over 20 feet in imperial terms.

It effectively became a two-man contest when Bubka opted for 5.90 metres, the highest clear, 5.85 metres, albeit on his last jump. Bubka then failed twice at 5.90. Had he done so again, he would not have an Olympic medal of any kind. For his other compatriot, Grigory Yegorov, had cleared 5.80, and Earl Bell had fewer failures at 5.70.

While the wind and officials surged around him, Bubka sized up his task, strode down the track, and soared over the bar with a foot to spare. The relief rushed out in a cathartic roar. He snatched up his pole, stalked back down the runway, and threw the pole down like a challenge to Gataulin.

The youngster had one good attempt of three at 5.95 metres. But the title was Bubka's. He

then asked for 6.10 metres, four centimetres up on his most recent world record and just over 20 feet in imperial terms. But two award ceremonies had disrupted his concentration and he retired without jumping. The crowd started to whistle, but Gataulin short-circuited that by clapping at them. Fortunately, they responded.

The difference between Bubka and Butch Reynolds is that the latter did not respond when it mattered. Reynolds had his usual slow start in the 400 metres. But, like last year in Rome, did not come through quick enough, and was well beaten by Steve Lewis.

The 19-year-old, supposed third string on the United States team, set his third world junior record of the year in the process, 43.87sec, and led his colleagues, whom he had never beaten in a final, to a clean sweep, like the Soviets in the pole vault.

Why Lewis must be regarded in the correct light

From David Miller

The disgrace of one great athlete is tending temporarily to obscure the excellence of another. We ought not to overlook that Carl Lewis, the rival whom Ben Johnson beat in the controversial 100 metres final before the disqualification, is possibly the supreme natural athlete of all time, even judged alongside the legendary Jesse Owens.

That is certainly the opinion of Tom Tellez, Lewis's coach. Yet the silver medal Lewis won in yesterday's 200 metres, defeated in a close finish by his compatriot and friend, Joe DeLoach, is seen by some as failure, ending Lewis's attempt to win four gold medals in successive Olympic Games. That would be a harsh judgement on five days of exceptional performances in the 100 metres, long jump and 200 metres.

Lewis, since I first saw him as a teenager competing in Zurich, has had a beautiful, lissom shape, with none of the muscular definition of a particular kind that makes one suspicious of certain other athletes. He ran like a deer from the time he first emerged because he had a deer's natural grace and balance.

In 1980, aged 19, he was denied the Games in Moscow, for which he had qualified in the long jump, coming only fourth in the 100 metres trials. He was then primarily a long jumper. "Running the 100 metres was simply ancillary, a beneficial sideline to long jumping," Tellez said. "It was only after 1980 that he decided he wanted to be a serious sprinter as well."

Bowing to public opinion

Tellez is convinced that Lewis's determination to compete in all four events again, as in Los Angeles, and as Owens did in 1936, contributed to yesterday's defeat: especially the decision to jump all six times in the long jump final and not only once as in Los Angeles, which unfairly earned him widespread public criticism.

Lewis, aged 27, won on Monday with his fourth jump, and injured an ankle on his fifth. There was a slight interval, additionally, between the long jump and 200 metres heats.

"I didn't advise him to take six jumps," Tellez said. "But the first three were not so good, and anyway he wanted to do six. Myrtle (who came third) is always a danger. Yet bowing to public opinion may have cost Carl the gold medal today."

That is not a coach's sour grapes. Tellez is also coach of DeLoach. "I didn't have any idea that Joe would win until he did, not with someone like Carl

running," Tellez said. "I knew that Joe would have to run a perfect race, which he did, and that Carl would have to be tired, which he was." Besides these two, Tellez has trained such outstanding Americans as Rapistie, Banks, Tully and Floyd.

Over five exceptional days Lewis had run four 100 metres races, four 200 metres races and nine 60-metre approach runs in his preliminary and final long jump rounds. The end result had been an American record in the 100 metres of 9.92sec, bettered only by Johnson's world record, set last year in Rome, of 9.83sec and the disqualified 9.75sec; the sixth best long jump of all time, 8.72 metres; and the fourth fastest ever 200 metres of 19.79sec.

Fatigue dismissed as an excuse

Lewis was entitled to say at his Press conference, "I'm happy with my performance."

He was reluctant to discuss the fatigue factor. He did not know how much it cost him, and it didn't matter, he insisted. DeLoach, aged 21, had run an Olympic record to win by four-hundredths of a second. In the final 10 metres, Lewis had visibly sagged, he said, and was shorter and stiffer. Yet that is the equivalent to saying Vivian Leigh was ugly merely because she had a cold.

Tellez was sadder than Lewis, to whom he is something of an uncle. Their homes are within walking distance of each other, and the relationship is close, though not closed. "I'm not his guru, but I know this race was big for him," Tellez said, although Lewis betrays no signs of regret. Tellez merely reflected that he now knew Lewis could not take all those jumps and the 200.

It is not possible, he said, to do all the necessary training for both. The 200 requires stamina work, running 500s and 600s. Some weeks Lewis will have only one long jump session. Tellez believes, however, that Lewis can still challenge for medals in Barcelona in four years time, but not in four events. "It depends what he wants," he said. "I hope he can diversify away from athletics, find himself other challenges."

We are standing on chairs at the back of the main press box, open air, makeshift and inadequate interview room, together with Lewis's mother, Tellez is observing his man with a mixture of affection and fascination. "Whatever he does, in my opinion he's the greatest athlete he says. "A phenomenal runner."

McColgan needs total confidence

From Pat Butcher

Liz McColgan has got to break the mould, if she really wants to win a gold medal in the 10,000 metres here tomorrow. For events are taking on a similarity to last year's world championship in Rome, when Ingrid Kristiansen in Oslo (the first time Kristiansen has been beaten at the distance). Beating her in front of her own crowd, with them all cheering for her, gave me a lot of confidence."

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McColgan has beaten the Norwegian three times this season, and came out here as one of the best British hopes for a gold medal. And she was talking a good race until a week ago. "The key race was the 10,000 metres against Kristiansen in Oslo (the first time Kristiansen has been beaten at the distance). Beating her in front of her own crowd, with them all cheering for her, gave me a lot of confidence."

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ARCHERY

Poor stage ends well for Franks

Joanne Franks, of Britain, kept her form and her nerve yesterday to reach the elimination stage of the tournament.

She was second overnight and refused to panic after shooting only the thirtieth best score of the day over 50 metres. She recovered her poise to achieve the eighth-highest score at 30 metres.

She finished fifth over the two days, qualifying for the elimination series, which start today. Pauline Edwards also qualified, scoring 1,232 points and finishing 23rd.

South Korean women finished in the top three places, with the highest qualifier, Kim Soo-Nyung, shooting 1,331 - 33 points clear of her nearest rival and 50 points ahead of Franks.

Steve Hallard, from Rugby, made sure of reaching the last 24 in the men's competition, finishing seventh over the four qualifying distances, with 1,283 points.

Leroy Watson, from Telford, scraped into the finals in 24th place, with 1,248 points, but the British No. 2, Richard Priestman, had another disappointing day and was eliminated in 57th place.

FENCING

West Germany retain title

Seoul (Reuters) - Christianne Weber, a member of the 1984 Olympic gold medal-winning team, was the outstanding performer as West Germany retained their title, beating Italy 9-4 yesterday. One of her victims was Lucia Traversa, who scored two of the Italian wins.

The team gold gave West Germany their third fencing title and sixth fencing medal of the Games.

BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Gold heads move to oust Palmer

From David Miller

Charles Palmer, aged 58, the chairman of the British Olympic Association, is being opposed in the election for officers at the annual meeting on October 26. The alternative nomination is Sir Arthur Gold, whom Palmer defeated narrowly in 1984.

Many of the BOA's 33 members sense the need for Britain's international sports federations. The significant nomination, in particular, is that of Ted Croker, from football, as one of three candidates for the vice-chairmanship, together with Peter Con from rowing and Eileen Gray from cycling.

Croker, now he is retiring as secretary of the Football Association, would have time to develop his activities for the president of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, who has been lobbying for Charles Palmer in the BOA election.

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lished over many years when he was an international official in judo and the Assembly of Sports Federations, maintained his position.

It was a close vote, but on the second Glen Haig's supporters switched to Palmer. There has, however, been mounting dissatisfaction with Palmer's handling of BOA affairs, both at the Winter Games in Calgary and here in Seoul.

Gold is not standing because he seeks the job or the responsibility, but in response to those who see a need for change. A life vice-president of the British Amateur Athletic Board, he is not in need of extra duties, but would be internationally respected.

The mood in Seoul has not been made any easier by the presence of Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, who has been lobbying for Charles Palmer in the BOA election.

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BOXING

Woodall recovers for medal

From Steven Downes

Richie Woodall needed to pick himself up from a first-round knock-down to win his quarter-final and Britain's only medal.

Woodall was matched against Rey Rivera, of Puerto Rico, a known puncher. I left back from Rivera after less than 25 seconds forced Woodall on to the canvas for the second time in his career.

"No, it wasn't the best of starts," Woodall admitted. "I didn't even see the punch. I was asleep. But that woke me up."

Rivera had to chase Woodall for the next two minutes. "I thought that I had to use my feet, get away from him." That bought Woodall time until, with his opponent slowing, a straight right rocked Rivera.

The second round followed the same pattern with Rivera chasing Woodall back-peddalling, using his height to slip out of Rivera's reach.

The British team coach, Kevin Hickey, told Woodall to step up into the semi-final and say what round was going his way when Rivera, unable to catch his man any other way, was given a public warning for holding.

Woodall was victorious, but Woodall was not qualified for the Olympics. It seems likely that the "unbeatable" Si Hui Park, of South Korea, will be in the final.

Since last week's riot at the Chamshil gymnasium, there has been a distinct edginess about the judges when they are surrounded by 7,500 screaming Koreans.

Last night was no exception. When Park was given a 3-2 decision over Vincenzo Nardello, the Italian, who had been emphatically superior during the contest, sank to his knees in dismay and then leapt out of the ring to shout abuse at the judges.

Schockemohle mastermind of German clean sweep

From Jenny MacArthur

Britain, fielding David Broome, Malcolm Pyrah and Nick Skelton, three former professional dressage and eventing champions, completed their domination by winning the team show jumping gold medal.

The team show sweep matched the feat West Germany accomplished in Berlin in 1936. Yesterday's victory, masterminded by Paul Schockemohle, the trainer, in the face of the strong Canadian and American teams, was the most surprising. Without even needing to use Franke Smootz, their last rider, in the final round, they relegated the United States, the champions, to the silver medal and the French to the bronze.

A protest by the French on the grounds that the West German horse, The Freak, was ineligible to compete with Ludger Beerbaum, his rider, because they had not qualified for the Olympics, together was over-ruled.

Beerbaum, whose own horse Landlord was also only rode The Freak. The West German reserve horse, for the first time the night before, yesterday their score in two rounds of 4.25 penalties was the best in the team.

As he bowed off the podium, Schockemohle, a 55-year-old, looked like a piece of pure theatre. There were two particularly difficult lines of fences - 10, 11 and 12 with clear water in the middle and the line down the treble, the penultimate fence to the final big spread fence.

The West Germans were quick to establish their superiority with Beerbaum and Smootz, both clear, and Pyrah, though Beerbaum had a 0.25 time fault, Jo Turf, on Vital, and Broome, on Countryman, put Britain in

contention with four faults each. Pyrah and Skelton, expected to be the backbone, had eight faults each.

At the half-way stage the West Germans had an eight-point lead over the United States and Britain shared third with Canada and Switzerland. Skelton raised hopes with a well-judged second round, collecting four faults, Turf, unable to rekindle Vital's earlier form had 16, and Anglezarke had faults in the water and the treble. Broome, who loves the pressure of riding fourth, needed a clear round for Britain to have any chance of a medal yet Countryman tired and collected 12 faults.

The West Germans now found themselves with such a comfortable lead that Dick Hafemeister, their third rider, set out on Orchidee with two fences in hand. The United States secured the silver after Joe Farris, on Mill Pearl, had just a quarter of a time fault.

The French took the bronze with a clear round from Pierre Durand, on Jappeloup. The only other clear was Ian Millar, the Canadian, on Big Ben, Smootz and Marcus Fuchs, the Swiss on Shandor.

JUDO: END OF AN HONOUR-STREWN ROAD FOR A FORMER WORLD CHAMPION

Comeback by Adams has sad conclusion

From John Goodbody

The glorious career of Neil Adams came to a distressing end when he lost in his second fight of the light-middleweight category. It was sad to see probably the most technically proficient judo fighter of the 1980s, a man admired even more in the Orient than in Europe, retire on such a note of anti-climax.

Yet, like Mary Slaney, Adams only competed here because he did not believe what happened in Los Angeles. Then as Slaney lost the Olympic title everyone believed was hers by divine right when she collided with Zola Budd, so Adams was unexpectedly thrown in the final four years ago, taking silver for the second successive Games.

Adams, world champion in 1981 and five times the European champion, had seemed destined to win the title when the Olympics were weakened by boycotts in 1980 and 1984.

Yes, if he had not come out of retirement to fight here, he would have been haunted for the rest of his life by the thought that he might have won the only

gold medal to have eluded him. At least he has the satisfaction of knowing that he tried.

There was a glimpse of his former supremacy when he threw Pedro Cristovao with immaculate timing. Adams swept in and the Portuguese was spun over an outstretched leg to the mat.

But against Torsten Brecht, of East Germany, who had beaten Adams earlier in the year, the Briton had his familiar difficulty of failing to place the defence of a left-hander. Adams was tumbled once to the mat and that was enough to give the East German victory. Adams, who turned 30 two days ago, had been overtaken by younger, more eager competitors.

As he bowed off the mat, he smiled. Judo is a great sport for humbling individuals.

Diane Bell, the world lightweight champion, took the gold medal in the women's demonstration event, which was limited to eight entries. With Sharon Rennie having won the heavyweight class there is plenty of evidence that when women become part of the Games judo programme, in 1992, Britain should obtain plenty of success.

BASKETBALL

US fall to Soviets once more

Seoul (Reuters) - The Soviet Union beat the United States, 82-76, to reach the final of the tournament yesterday. They will meet Yugoslavia, who beat Australia, 91-70.

The Soviet Union held off a desperate assault in the closing minutes to end the Americans' run of six victories in Seoul. It was only the second defeat the United States has suffered in the Olympic competition. The other also came at the hands of the Soviet Union in Munich in 1972. The Americans and Australia will play for the bronze today.

Rimas Kurtinaitis, with 28 points including four successful three-point shots, Sharunas Drazneris Petrovas, who scored 24 points, and the centre, Arvidas Sabonis, with 13 points and 13 rebounds, led the Soviet victory.

Yugoslavia, led by the three-point shooting of their guard, Drazen Petrovic, who scored 24 points, and the rebounding of their front line, improved their record in the competition to 5-1.

The Soviet Union won the women's bronze medal by beating Australia, 68-53.



Golden hope: Diane Bell, winner in the demonstration event

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A tactical triumph made possible by Kerly's three goals

From Sydney Friskin

Great Britain 3 Australia 2

Four years of hard work and 70 minutes of unremitting effort were rewarded three minutes before the end yesterday when an explosive shot by Sean Kerly put Great Britain into Saturday's Olympic final against West Germany.

Kerly scored three goals which left the Australian defence in tatters. They ended one dream, Australia's wish for its first Olympic gold medal. They kept alive another, Britain's desire to sit once again on the throne of Olympic hockey, a feat it has not occupied since 1920.

Apart from having the best centre forward, Britain can claim to have the best goalkeeper in the world in Ian Taylor, who was not afraid to come off his line and challenge the rampant Australian forwards, so well was he protected by a ring of tenacious defenders.

Outlining his strategy afterwards, David Whitaker, the British coach explained: "Our

plan was to keep calm. We knew they would come at us. They love the rolling game and we wanted to seal it up. This is not defensive, it is just good tactics. I thought after losing 2-1 to the Germans that if we got a medal it would be the hardest won and it has come."

In checking the flow of Australian attacks Britain suppressed a side who in the preliminary matches had scored 19 goals. Kerly failed by only one goal to equal the

Final absentee

Stefan Blocher, the West German centre forward, was struck on the side of the head by the ball at a short corner in the semi-final against the Netherlands. Blocher, who with Reck scored the German goals, was taken to hospital and is unlikely to play in the final on Saturday. The Dutch scored through Hidde Kraaije.

four the Australian defence had conceded in their five previous matches.

The patience shown at the back, offset by effective break-aways, sent Britain into a two-goal lead. They scored from

their second short corner in the nineteenth minute, Barber deceiving the oncoming Australians by pushing the ball to his left, to Kerly, who promptly lifted it into the net.

Batchelor deserves high praise for the manner in which he set up the second goal nine minutes after the interval. Taking the ball deep into the circle along the left, he was almost on his knees when he flicked it on the reverse to the unmarked Kerly, who shot high and accurately.

Within a minute Hager brought Australia back into the match with a penetrating run and a goal of high quality. Batchelor was then given a rest and replaced by Bhaura, who carried on the good work.

Australia, however, brought the scores level when Hager scored from a pass by Batch, the outside right, with 15 minutes remaining.

With extra time becoming a strong possibility Potter started to run from near the 25-yard area before, as in a relay race, handing over the baton to Kerly, who advanced into the circle at great speed to deliver the knockout blow.

If the game had gone into extra time Australia might have won: what exciting possibilities might have been opened for them if Hager had scored in the eleventh minute instead of shooting wide. They will now play the Netherlands for the bronze medal.

GREAT BRITAIN: I Taylor; D Featherston, P Barber, J Foster, J Whitaker, S Kerly, R Leman, S Batchelor (sub: K Shauri), R Grimsby, S Kerly, R Calt, J Shervette.

AUSTRALIA: N Snowdon, J Koster, C Davies, J Capri, D Warrabrook, W Birmingham, R Smith, C Batch, R Charlesworth (sub: A Deane), M Hager, G Reid, N Hargrove.

Umpires: S Deo (Spain), L Gilet (France).



Floor exercises: Britain's Richard Leman, on the ground, is still able to dispute possession with Australia's Graham Reid

A goalscorer of world-wide repute



Kerly: gets vital goals

A depressed Australian suggested that Sean Kerly would never have scored such an easy set of goals as the three he collected yesterday in the Olympic semi-final at Songnam (Sydney Friskin writes). The British would prefer it to be noted that he has never scored a more important goal in a position to become top scorer in an Olympic hockey series, must now rank unchallenged as the best centre forward in international hockey. His three goals yesterday took his tally to seven in these Games, one behind Mark Hager of Australia.

Kerly, aged 28, was born in Whitehall, Kent, and is listed in official publications here as

unemployed, having given up a lucrative post with Next. He was previously a merchandise manager with the jewellery company, Collingwood.

The arpe to play hockey at the top level probably started at Chatham House Grammar School but it was not until he was 18 that he took up the sport. He made his full international debut for England in March 1981, against Poland at Crystal Palace, and has so far made 37 appearances for them. He has, altogether, played 105 outdoor international matches, the other 68 having been for Great Britain, for whom he has scored 56 goals in five years.

Kerly's first appearance for Britain was in Hong Kong at the Ten Nations tournament in 1983. He won a bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles and another in the Champions Trophy tournament at Karachi, also in 1984.

Playing for England he has won silver medals in the 1986 World Cup in London and in the European championships in Moscow the following year.

He has had outstanding success with Southgate, winners of the national club championship from 1985 to 1988, and is ready to play for them in the next National League, which starts on October 15. He and his wife, Jacqueline, have one child, a daughter of nine months.

Brazilian pair to miss last match

Three players will miss the football final between Brazil and the Soviet Union on Saturday because of suspension.

The Brazilian midfield players, Geovani and Ademir, received one-game suspensions yesterday from FIFA. It did the Soviet defender, Cherednik. The Italian pair, Ferrara and Iachini, have been suspended for the bronze medal play-off with West Germany today.

Better view

Television officials yesterday denied that the all-night coverage of the Games has failed to attract viewers. The first overnight coverage of the Games on BBC Television and Channel 4 was watched by 1.1 million people, they said.

Archer's gift

The Solomon Islands' lone Olympic archer may not have won a medal at the Games but he will take a new bow home when he leaves. Jerrett Tenei, aged 20, learned to shoot only three months ago and arrived in Seoul with a primitive bow. But a South Korean bow-making company has presented him with a bow worth \$300.

More guards

South Korean police have increased security to guard against the disruption of the Olympic Games and protests against American broadcasters, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Record sales

Sales of the recorded version of *Hand in Hand*, the official Olympic song, have topped one million worldwide, Games organizers said yesterday.

No charge

The two American swimmers, Troy Dabney and Doug Gjertsen, who were arrested for stealing a stone lion's head from a nightclub, are unlikely to be charged, the state radio reported yesterday.

Lejeune a threat again

Britain's women hockey players are hoping to win the bronze medal when they play the Netherlands tomorrow, despite losing 5-1 to the Dutch in their group match (Sydney Friskin writes).

In that game Great Britain had no answer to the striking of Lissanne Lejeune at short corners. But Australia's 3-2 win in

the semi-finals exposed a few weaknesses in the Dutch defence which Britain might well exploit, if Karen Brown can emulate the feats of Sharon Patmore, who scored two goals for the Australians.

The final, between South Korea and Australia, is eagerly awaited following their 5-5 draw last Sunday.

ATHLETICS

Men

200 metres

First round
HEAT ONE: 1. C. Lewis (US), 20.23sec; 2. D. Silva (BR), 20.28; 3. A. Mahon (CAN), 20.45; 4. G. Quinlan (IRL), 20.54; 5. T. H. (UK), 20.59; 6. R. Martin (US), 20.62; 7. J. Smith (GB), 20.65; 8. L. Brown (US), 20.68; 9. C. Brown (US), 20.71; 10. C. Brown (US), 20.74; 11. C. Brown (US), 20.77; 12. C. Brown (US), 20.80.

Final
1. Deloach, 19.75 (US); 2. Lewis, 19.78; 3. D. Silva, 20.04; 4. Christie, 20.09 (British record); 5. Mahon, 20.39; 6. C. Quinlan, 20.54; 7. Rosewell, 20.51; 8. Martin, 20.58.

400 metres

Final
1. Lewis (US), 43.87sec; 2. H. Reynolds (US), 43.95; 3. D. Silva (US), 44.02; 4. D. Silva (US), 44.55; 5. J. Egan (US), 44.72; 6. G. Cameron (CAN), 44.84; 7. C. Brown (US), 44.85; 8. M. A. Al-Mulla (OMN), 45.03.

5,000 metres

First round
HEAT ONE: 1. M. Egan (US), 15.58.00; 2. A. Andino (IR), 15.58.00; 3. C. Lavender (US), 15.58.10; 4. J. Egan (US), 15.58.20; 5. P. Padilla (US), 15.58.30; 6. B. Baumann (US), 15.58.40; 7. A. Andino (IR), 15.58.50; 8. F. Costa (POR), 15.59.00; 9. M. Egan (US), 15.59.10; 10. F. Williams (CAN), 15.59.20; 11. J. Egan (US), 15.59.30; 12. J. Egan (US), 15.59.40; 13. J. Egan (US), 15.59.50; 14. J. Egan (US), 15.59.60; 15. J. Egan (US), 15.59.70; 16. J. Egan (US), 15.59.80; 17. J. Egan (US), 15.59.90; 18. J. Egan (US), 15.59.00; 19. J. Egan (US), 15.59.10; 20. J. Egan (US), 15.59.20.

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Kerly swoops to end the agony

From Simon Barnes
Seoul

Here comes that good ol' peritonitis again, I thought, as Our Boys suddenly lost their grip on the game. I was watching Great Britain play hockey, not the most familiar game to all of us, but the feeling is something we all know: that helpless, anguished sensation of trying to will your team home against the odds, while all the time they seem determined to throw it away.

The syndrome involves a charming peritonitis feeling in the gut, knuckles that glow white like a set of headlights, and the compulsive consultation of the clock: only 34½ minutes to go lads, don't let it slip now.

Most of us know the problem well — call it the Our Boys Syndrome — from watching football. How many agonies have we gone through watching England play football, or trying to? Ah, that match against Poland in 1974 ("He's a clown") was a dark night of



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the soul, an experience I never wish to live through again.

National teams specialise in piling on the agony. Failure to turn chances into goals... gallant but finally unavailing effort... bizarre errors from the steadiest man in the team... inexplicable squandering of open goals from the deadliest forward in the game... oh, I have known them, known them all.

In 1984, hockey taught us to taste these agonies to a different time — but the game also gave us an unrelenting measure

of all the joys that partisanship can bring. Our Boys went to Los Angeles to make up the numbers, and came back with the bronze.

Disguised as England rather than Great Britain, they came second in the World Cup, beaten by the Australians, and, back as Great Britain again (how I wish Cofia Moyalkan wouldn't shout "Have a good one GeeBee" quite so noisily) they played Australia for a place in the Olympic final.

Australia cruised into the semis, undefeated in five matches. Our Boys had three, drawn one, lost one. The odds were against the Brits.

It was the falcon-beaked Sean Kerly who started it, flicking one in from a penalty corner. But he spoiled things when he made the considerable error of scoring another in the second half, after a stunning run from Batchelor. Within 15 seconds, Australia had pulled one back through Hager and were roaring for-

ward in huge numbers seeking the second.

Yup, the Syndrome was back in full force. Concentrate all your efforts on making the clock to go faster. Employ all your willpower to keep the ball at the other end of the pitch. But a defensive lapse saw Hawgood charging through for the equalizer. Yes, it was peritonitis time.

From all my experience of the Syndrome, I knew what would happen next. Our Boys would defend with brilliance, attack with speed and precision. Kerly would miss an open goal, and some incredibly unlucky deflection would give Australia the game. There was no other result possible, so far as I could see.

But hockey players are not like England's football players. They lack that fear of losing one's place in the side that is the hallmark of the England player. There was no fear of failing in evidence, no fear of taking responsibility. The cop-out pass, English football's *spécialité de la mai-*

son — the pass that lets the passer off the hook but which gets the team nowhere — is something hockey has never put on the menu.

All the same, it always looked to me like an Our-Brave-Boys-Go-Down-Fighting sort of day. I simply couldn't see where a goal was going to come.

But Kerly, Kerly the raptor, Kerly of jersey number 13 — he had no inkling of doubt. Kerly wasn't thinking: "Oh well, this is just another game, anyway my first loyalty is to my club, and I'm on a five-year contract anyway, so at the end of the day who gives a monkey's Brian?" For Kerly is not a footballer. He gave up his job to train for this tournament, he will be unemployed when he gets back to England. Doing well in this tournament is slightly crucial for him.

There were three minutes left in the match, due to be followed by half an hour of agonizing extra time, and then the horror of a penalty competition.

I am still not sure how Kerly did it. He became possessed, overtaken by something like a manic fit of stubbornness. He burrowed into a knot of about five players, exchanged passes at eye-balling speed — and clunk! It was 3-2 (the "clunk" is the ball hitting the backboard, by the way).

With just the mildest twinge of peritonitis over the closing minutes, Our Boys were in the final, guaranteed a silver at worst, with West Germany to beat for the gold.

England lost to the Germans earlier in the tournament, a fraction unluckily. "I reckon we can take 'em," Kerly said. It looks like another session of the Syndrome on Saturday, but, of course, it is not to be missed. Third in Los Angeles, second in the World Cup...

"It's unbelievable to be in the final," Kerly said. "What can you do but have tears in your eyes?" But he was only playing. He can't know what it is to suffer from the Syndrome.

Another name is added to roll of infamy

From John Goodbody

Andor Szanyi, of Hungary, who was second in the 100kg weightlifting event, has tested positive for a banned substance. The International Olympic Committee executive board is expected to take away his silver medal. Szanyi is the fifth weightlifter and eighth competitor in these Games to be disqualified.

After the announcement, Hungary withdrew their team from the one remaining weightlifting event, the super-heavyweight division.

Pal Schmitt, a Hungarian member of the International Olympic Committee, said yesterday: "I checked with our delegation and they confirmed it. I am deeply sorry but it is true." Szanyi was second behind Pavel Kouznetsov in the competition on Tuesday night. It is not yet known for certain what the banned substance was.

Already in the weightlifting competition, the Bulgarian team, the strongest nation in recent years, has been withdrawn by its national Olympic committee for disciplinary reasons after two of its gold medal-winners, Mitko Grablev, the bantamweight, and Angel Guenchev, the lightweight, were found positive.

The two other competitors to be found positive were

Carl Lewis said yesterday that efforts should be made to rehabilitate Ben Johnson. He hoped Johnson would be able to "get himself back together over the next two years and work towards coming back to competition".

Lewis, Linford Christie, and Calvin Smith will receive their medals for the 100 metres on Saturday in the office of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

BANNED AT THE GAMES

The following is a complete list of competitors at Seoul who have been banned for drug taking and the drugs involved

Ben Johnson (Canada), gold medal winner in 100 metres athletics, anabolic steroids.

Mitko Grablev (Bulgaria), gold medal winner in bantamweight weightlifting, Furosemide (a diuretic).

Angel Guenchev (Bulgaria), gold medal winner in lightweight weightlifting, Furosemide.

Kalman Csengeri (Hungary), fourth in middleweight weightlifting, Testosterone.

Fernando Mariaca (Spain), thirteenth in lightweight weightlifting, amphetamine.

Andor Szanyi (Hungary), second in 100kg weightlifting, drug yet to be announced.

Jorge Chaves (Spain), 33rd in modern pentathlon, beta-blocker.

Alexander Watson (Australia), twelfth in modern pentathlon when disqualified, excess caffeine.

Swedes to face drugs haul probe

Claim for natural substitute

By Andrew Longmore

Stockholm, Sweden — Five members of the Swedish Olympic team, including the world high jump champion, Patrik Sjöberg, will be interviewed by police in connection with the biggest drug seizure in Swedish sports history, according to a local newspaper report.

Göteborgs-Posten said in a front page story that it had obtained the information from a reliable police source. Prosecutor Jim Björck and police interrogators refused to make a comment on the list.

At least 30 people have already been questioned in the police probe of the drug ring, which is suspected of smuggling not only anabolic steroids, but also amphetamines, cocaine and other drugs with a total value estimated at \$1 million (about £600,000).

Göteborgs-Posten also seized quantities of genotropin, a new kind of growth hormone that is especially difficult to detect, according to the Aftonbladet newspaper.

Sjöberg, who was a disappointing third in Seoul after being sidelined with an injury for several weeks this summer, and the four other Swedish Olympians were named by suspects during police interrogations. All Olympians have denied involvement.

One of the suspects told Swedish television when police announced the drug swoop early this month that he had sold anabolic steroids to members of the Swedish Olympic squad. Anabolic steroids can improve an athlete's bulk and performance.

In addition to Sjöberg, who won the high jump in last year's world championships, the newspaper said Sven Nylander (400m hurdles), Tore Gustafsson (hammer throw), Lars-Erik Moberg (canoe) and Richard Nilsson (weightlifting) will be interrogated by police when they return to Sweden.

Official quells rumours about other culprits

Seoul (Reuters) — A senior Olympic official called yesterday for an end to speculation about doping by leading competitors at the Games following the exposure of Ben Johnson as a drugs cheat.

Prince Alexander de Merode, the chairman of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission, said athletes were suffering unnecessary anxiety because of unsubstantiated rumours that they had failed dope tests.

"A lot of athletes are being unjustly accused. They suffer

and it must stop," de Merode said. "All these rumours concerning athletes in the main stadium and at other venues like tennis are completely untrue," he said.

Johnson fled the Games for Canada in disgrace on Tuesday, stripped of his 100 metres gold medal after urine tests

Some news reports subsequently alleged other top track and field medal winners had failed dope tests or quoted athletes as accusing rivals of using performance-enhancing

Thompson begins to lose touch

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
Seoul

Daley Thompson has spent the last 10 years revising the record books. But the writing looked on the wall for him after the first day of the decathlon yesterday.

Thompson looked little better than in the world championships last year when he finished eighth. And it was only the relatively mediocre performances of his opponents which kept him in touch, with a chance of pulling off his third consecutive Olympic victory, or at least getting a medal.

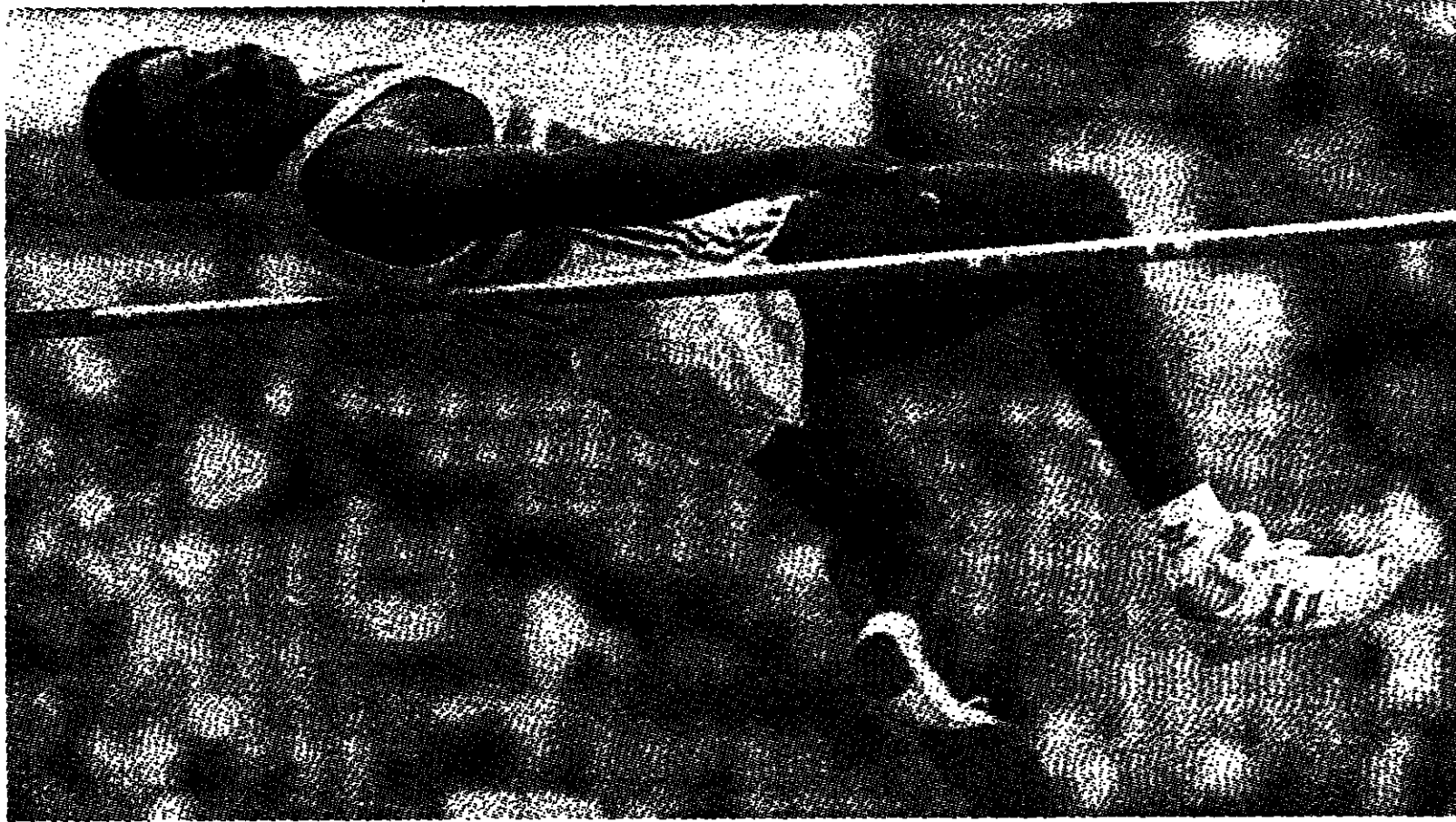
Thompson finished the first day in third place, 138 points adrift of Christian Schenk, whose high jump was the highlight of a comparatively lacklustre day. In second place was Christian Plaziat, the leader in the world rankings this year. Schenk was on 4,470 points, Plaziat on 4,375 points, and Thompson on 4,332 points.

Torsten Voss, the world champion, was lying fourth with 4,279 points, and Patrik Sjöberg, the 1986 world junior champion was fifth, with 4,228 points. Alex Kruger and Greg Richards, the other two Britons were lying 18th and 32nd respectively, with 4,043 and 3,745 points.

Part of the problem, together with the dead atmosphere which accompanied the event throughout most of the day, was the extraordinary elimination of Jürgen Hingsen, Thompson's greatest rival over the Briton's prodigious decade. Hingsen became the first decathlete in a major championships to be disqualified for three false starts. It came in the first heat of the 100 metres, the first event of the day.

In individual races, only two false starts are permitted. But, because of the onerous nature of the decathlon, there is one extra. Even so, Hingsen managed three of the four false starts in his heat. And after 10 minutes of argument, the man who set three world decathlon records between 1982 and 1984 was led from the track.

Thompson took the lead after the 100 metres, which he ran in 10.62sec, for 947 points. Some solace was sought in the fact that it was the same time he recorded in winning his first Olympic title in Moscow in 1980. But it did not disguise the statistic that Thompson recorded 10.35sec, the fastest ever decathlon sprint, when he



Flat out: Thompson aims to find the form which twice brought him Olympic gold, on a day when his best seemed left behind (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

won the European championships in Stuttgart in 1986.

That became the pattern for Thompson's day. While performances generally have improved, Thompson's harked back through his career, two of the five events yesterday being his worst for more than 10 years.

One of his worst was the long jump, the second event. Thompson has led the national individual rankings in this event during the last five years. But his 7.38 metres on his second jump yesterday was his worst since 1977, when he was still a junior. And his four main rivals all closed in on him.

He held them off in the shot put, with 15.02 metres, which took him to 2,643 points, and he still retained his lead. It had shrunk, however, to just eight points over Keskitalo, who looks very much the shape of things to come.

Comparatively, the high jump, the next event, was Thompson's best of the day, since he cleared 2.03 metres, the same as when he won in Los Angeles four years ago. But there was one-upmanship on either side of him.

First, Plaziat impressed with first-time clearances up to 2.06 metres, before going on

DALEY THOMPSON: 1984 AND 1988											
	100m	Long jump	Shot	High jump	400m	Total after five events	110m hurdles	Discus	Pole vault	Javelin	1500m
Thompson Los Angeles 1984	10.44sec	8.01m	15.72m	2.03m	48.97sec	4677	14.33sec	46.58m	5.00m	65.24m	4m 35.00s
Thompson Seoul 1988	10.62sec	7.38m	15.02m	2.03m	49.06sec	4332					
Schenk Seoul 1988	11.25sec	7.43m	15.42m	2.27m	48.90sec	4470					
Plaziat Seoul 1988	10.63sec	7.62m	13.58m	2.12m	49.20sec	4375					
Performance	10.44sec					988					

Thompson's world decathlon record, set in 1984, is detailed in the top panel. At the halfway mark in Seoul, Thompson was already 345 points behind his record schedule. The chart also shows the performances of Schenk and Plaziat in Seoul

to 2.12 metres, for 915 points.

Then Schenk provided some of the best entertainment of the day by going all the way to 2.27 metres, and with the straddle style — believed to have gone out with the last amateurs, around 20 years ago.

The 400 metres provided the most uncomfortable truth for Thompson. He covered the first 200 metres very fast, in around 23 seconds, but really tired in the second half, finishing in 49.06sec, his slowest since junior days in 1976. Voss, meanwhile, ran 47.71sec. Plaziat, 48.34sec, and Schenk, 48.90sec.

Bright future for Rosswess

Eighteen months ago Michael Rosswess was on the dole, bored and so short of money that he could not even afford to buy a pair of spikes to start his athletics career.

But yesterday Rosswess, aged 23, still unemployed and penniless, found himself taking part in an Olympic fairytale as he ran in the 200 metres final alongside Linford Christie and Carl Lewis. And he produced a performance that suggests Britain has unearthed a potential world-beater.

"A lot of people were saying that I wouldn't even get through the first round here," the least-known member of the British track and field team said. "But I've proved them all wrong and I couldn't be happier."

At the start of this year, he had not even broken 21.50sec for 200 metres. But in yesterday's final he ran faster than ever before, 20.51sec, to finish seventh.

Perhaps now the youngster will be able to reap the financial benefits of his new-

found fame. He could not even afford to pay the £30 for his pre-Olympic medical and his friends had to chip in.

"Linford and Lewis are my heroes, and it was just fantastic to be in the same company as them in a race like this," Rosswess said.

Christie, fresh from finishing fourth in the same race and breaking John Regis's 20.18-second British record, returned the compliment.

"He's got a great raw talent, and needs just to work on his technique a bit," he said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Successful operation

The England fast bowler Graham Dilley has successfully undergone an operation on his right knee at a Birmingham clinic. The surgeon removed pieces of floating bone and repaired a torn cartilage, a problem which caused Dilley to miss the final two Tests of the summer against West Indies and Sri Lanka.

Dilley played through the discomfort of his injury to help Worcestershire win the county championship.

Dakin judges

Roland Dakin will be one of the three judges for next Wednesday's International Boxing Federation world flyweight title contest between the champion, Rolando Bohol of the Philippines and Duke McKenzie of Croydon at Wembley Grand Hall. Dakin will replace the Dutchman, Edmund Horn after a protest from McKenzie's camp that they had been promised a British judge in return for the appointment of a referee from the Philippines. The IBF released.



Collins: joining Cardiff

Collins moves

Richie Collins, the Welsh international flanker, is to leave the South Wales Police club and fulfil an ambition by joining Cardiff. Collins, capped 10 times by Wales, believes the South Wales Police fixture list this season, could jeopardise his international career and hinder his chances of going on the Lions Australian tour next summer.

Hill's case

The Bath scrum half, Richard Hill, who was sent off at Harequins, is to have his case heard by the Somerset Disciplinary Committee next Tuesday. Hill has been suspended since September 10.

Ripley reward

David Ripley, the wicketkeeper, has been named Northamptonshire's player of the year, after claiming 87 dismissals in first-class matches.

Nearly there

Carl Fogarty is expected to become Britain's latest world motorcycle champion at Donington Park on Sunday. The Blackburn rider, aged 23, goes into the final race of the TT Formula One series with a lead of 14½ points over Joey Dunlop and needs only to finish eleventh or better to take the title.

In the black

Oldham, the Rugby League club that nearly died last year because of debts of £300,000, made a profit of £13,500 in the first four months of the current financial year.

Sicilian entrant

Palermo (AP) — Mate Wilander, the world's No. 1 tennis player, who withdrew from the Olympic Games tournament because of injury, has entered the Sicilian Open which starts in Palermo next Monday.

Martinez strikes gold with two home runs

Seoul (AFP) — The United States won the baseball, a demonstration event, when they beat Japan 5-3 in the final. The victory was revenge for the United States, who lost 6-3 to Japan in the final at the Los Angeles Games.

They owed their success to first Tino Martinez, playing at first base, who hit two home runs and had four runs batted in. "This is the best feeling in the world," Martinez said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything. This makes all the hard work worth it."

Jim Abbott, the one-handed pitcher, completed the game, allowing three runs from seven hits and three walks. He struck out four batters.

But the United States manager, Mark Marquess, nearly replaced him. "He still had good stuff, but he just got out of the zone a little," Marquess said. Abbott agreed. "I got into a little trouble. But Doug Robbins got on me a little bit and I got back on top of it."

Japan scored first in the bottom of the second inning, but the United States had a 4-1 lead by the fifth.

In the bottom of the sixth,

A threat of eviction is no more

The Mayor of Manila has paid the rent arrears of a Filipino boxer to prevent the family of the country's first Olympic medal winner in 24 years from being evicted from their apartment.

Divina Serantes said that her husband, Leopoldo Serantes, who has qualified for a medal in the light-flyweight division, had so much on his mind that he left them with no money when he set out for Seoul.

Fireworks set off to celebrate the medal ceremony for yachting started a fire in wooded hills near the South Korean port of Pusan yesterday.

A spokesman for the fire department said that the flames were extinguished after 30 minutes but he was not able to assess the damage.

South Korea qualified for their first men's handball final yesterday, despite losing 23-20 to Spain in their last group match. The host nation finished top of their section and will play the Soviet Union for the gold medal on Saturday.

The Group A lifters, from which the medal winners usually come, compete today.

The world champion, Carolyn Waldo, of Canada, gained a commanding lead over the Olympic champion, Tracie Ruiz-Conforto, of the United States, in the synchronized swimming compulsory figures. Waldo scored 101.150 points from the six figures, against the 98.633 earned by Ruiz-Conforto.